Taiwan jails teacher for boy's

TAIPEI (R) — A Taiwa nursery school teacher has been sentenced to seven an a half years in prison after four-year-old boy suffocate when the teacher locked his in a school car, a court spoke. man said on Saturday, Pa AMMAN (J.T.) His Royal Shion-Ling, 18, a teacher at Highness Crown Prince Hassurgery school in the Parameter said Sunday

in the car six hours late. Addressing a seminar at Al Feng's parents told local Hashemieh Palace attended

latest in Khmer Rouge arsenal

bodia's Khmer Rouge guar sector levels.

rillas said Saturday they had Stressing the need for congovernment troops. Ik radio also said new traps had been laid for governmen troops around Khmer Rougheld villages consisting of camouflaged ditches filed w a sharp point.

Singaporean sentenced to death for drug trafficking

SINGAPORE (AFP) packets of beroin, weighing total of 1.4 kilogrammes, late iast year. His sentence was handed down Friday. Tan has an automatic appeal against the death sentence which is mandatory for drug traffick-ing. An individual caught with 15 grammes or more of heroin is deemed to be a drug trafficker. Since the introduction of the mandatory death sentence in 1975, when the drug laws were amended. 76 people have been hanged, about half of them force igners. About another 50 people are either awaiting trial for drug trafficking or appealing against death sent-

New San Francisco fauitline discovered

SAN FRANCISCO, Califor mia (AFP) — Scientists have discovered a deep faultline the earth's crust linking the two known major faultings along the west coast of the United States, the magazine Science reported in its lates issue Friday. The 65kilometre faultline, running to a depth of 15 kilometres between San Jose and Valle jo, links the San Andreas and Hayward faultlines and could be the trigger for periodic earthquakes in the San Fran cisco bay area, the magazine said. So far unnamed, the fault is too deep to called quakes itself but could permi energy to pass from one the major faultlines to the other and thereby cause earth movement. An official of the U.S. Geological survey, Thomas Brocher, the discovery would not allow it to provide the discovery would not allow the discovery would not allow the discovery would not allow the will be a wil in to predict earthquake will perfect accuracy but work improve its detection ser

israeli officer suspected of aiding militants arrested

TEL AVIV (R) - An Israeli army lieutenant appeared in court on Sunday on suspicion of helping anti-Arab Jewish militants obtain weapons, police said. Israel's army radio later said two more people were arrested in the case. Police, citing a court order they said was issued later in the day barring publication of details of the case, would not comment on that report. Oran Edri, 22, a resident of the Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba, near Hebron in the occupied West Bank, was arrested on Friday when he applied for army permission to travel abroad. At a remand hearing in the northern city of Haifa, Adri denied allegations he aided Jewish militants and got them army weapons for use against Arabs, police said. The magistrate's court ordered him held in custody for another nine days to allow police to complete their investigation. Army radio said Edri was affiliated with a Jewish seminary in the on mystery illnes whose rabbi had expressed support for Baruch Ship

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Army raun said Earl was annoted with a south of Saruch West Bank whose rabbi had expressed support for Baruch Goldstein, a U.S.-born settler who massacred more than 30 Arabs in a Hebron mosque in February. The report did not say which militant groups were involved in the alleged weapons plot. After LOS ANGELES (R)
Labour Day Weekend of the Hebron slaughter, Israel banned several mitronian organizations linked to the late anti-Arab Rabbi Meir Kahane and arrested their leaders.

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AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al

Majali Sunday returned

home from the United States where he delivered lectures at the World Affairs Council

on peace and economy in the

Middle East. Dr. Majali ex-

plained Jordan's position to-

wards the establishment of a

just, comprehensive and dur-

able peace in the region. In an arrival statement Dr. Ma-

jali said his trip was different

from previous ones because it

took place in response to an

invitation by Rand Corpora tion, a well-known U.S. in

stitution that conducts re-

search on peace and the eco-

nomy in the Middle East.

"Rand Corporation had on

ginally invited His Roya

Highness Crown Prince Has san to give a lecture on peace, but Prince Hassan

apologised. Therefore they

invited me to give lectures on

peace and the economy in the

region and I accepted their

invitation," Dr. Majali told

Dr. Majali said peace

negotiations between Jordan

and Israel are going on, but added that Jordan has suffi-

cient assurances that its occu-

pied land and water will be

restored in full. He stressed

that there will be no alterna

tives for the fundamental

issues Jordan has raised. On

the slow pace of the peace

negotiations on the

Jordanian-Israeli track. Dr.

Majali said some issues take a

longer or shorter time, adding that this is the nature

of talks. "It needs time and patience. We have the pati-

ence and are not in a hurry

Those who are in a hurry

usually stumble on the way

and we avoid rushing in order

not to stumble," the prime

minister said. Asked whether

his meetings with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak

and United Arab Emirates

leader Sheikh Zayed Ben Sultan Al Nahayan fall within

the context of an Arab initia-

tive to restore Arab solidar-

ity. Dr. Majali said no such

initiative exists now, adding

that Jordan has always been

extending its hands to its

Arab brethren.

Jordan Television.

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'Royal commission no substitute for Parliament, government; normalisation is not subjugation'

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The Regent called for the stimulation of the Middle Class which he said could

become more productive. "We are for modernising laws and legislations with a view to involving all classes in shouldering responsibility which should not remain con-

fined to the government

alone," said the Regent. "We have to reaffirm the basic principles when we seek modernisation and we have to achieve harmony between political and legal matters on the one hand and the economic affairs and the economic future on the other," Prince Hassan said.

"The Royal commission is not here to hold people to account for their actions but rather to encourage work to be done freely and fairly in the service of the nation," the Prince said.

The commission has been set up to help create a national atmosphere for the adoption of a sound course of action and attitudes with which we can deal with the world community so that our voices can be heard loud and clear and win us the world's respect," he added.

The Royal Commission is not a substitute parliament and it cannot hold the government to account for its actions. Rather the commission members aim at creating a national and public view that can contribute towards the emergence of a new Jor-

the Regent empha-

The Regent underlined the need for defining the meanings of the different terms employed in the commission's dealing with the upcoming developments.

For example, he said there was a big difference, between the term "normalisation" and the term "subjugation" as the two terms have different connotations.

'Allow me to stress here that the general political course preserves the sensitive balance between progress in the political and legal levels; that is demarcation of borders and the question of water on the one hand and discussing the economic future on the other," the Regent explained.

"I say that there is a sensitive balance between the two sides, because I fully realise the magnitude of temptations

Wirth, whose country is a

major financial contributor to

region," he told the audi-

"Allow me to say that I am one of those who reject the term "normalisation" as being equal to 'subjugation' in meaning when discussing the preservation of the entire image," he noted.

"If we wanted to talk about consistent normalisation to achieve progress at the political and legal levels... like demarcation of borders, the water dimension and Jordanian rights as I have said on more than one occasion and during the ceremony for opening the border crossing point some days ago in the presence of the Israeli Prime minister...., the consistency should be reflected in deeds rather than words," he stres-

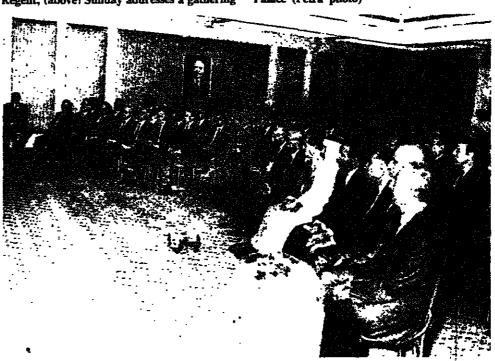
Commission member and Minister of Supply Adel Qudah outlined his team's mission and the activities so far taken and the meetings held to promote the concept of a lucrative investment climate in the Kingdom.

(Continued on page 12)



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, (above) Sunday addresses a gathering

of economic leaders (below) at the Royal Paiace (Petra photo)



with bamboo spikes shared Cairo conference starts today:

Europeans working on police document compromise

Singaporean Tan Yew Lee CAIRO (R) — European de-has been sentenced to death legates on Sunday sought a by hanging for drug trafficking, a High Court official said saturday. Tan, 35, was found guilty of possession of 13 control that has drawn the guilty of possession of 13 control training 1 control traini clergy worldwide against a U.N. draft on the world's

population growth. Nafis Sadik, head of the U.N. International Conference on Population and Development which opens in Cairo Monday, defended the forum against religious ·attacks, saying it was rooted on moral principles.

The controversy around one or two aspects of the programme of action threatens to obscure its main purpose." Ms. Sadik said.

"In fact, the programme supports both religious precepts and worldly practice. It supports and seeks to strengthen the family ... to strengthen the weakest members of the international community.

moral grounds. It is not laying down the moral law, but it includes the moral dimension," Ms. Sadik told a

Timothy Wirth, undersecretary for state for global affairs, said Europeanbacked revisions to the U.N. draft on controlling popula-tion growth could clinch agreement this week.

The European Union has come up with a draft lan-

Ghzawi heads for Cairo

of government and non-government institutions. The minister,

who also heads the National Population Commission, said that

Jordan has received an invitation from the Organisation of

promising as a compromise ... and I hope that other countries are looking very closely at that," added Mr.

family planning. He said the compromise to be put forward would help calm the religious and political storm aroused by the draft. Mr. Wirth gave no details, (Continued on page 7)

armed extremist movements. AMMAN (Petra) — Labour Minister Khaled Ghzawi Sunday left for Cairo to head Jordan's delegation to the Cairo conference. Mr. Ghzawi's delegation includes representatives

The nationwide sweep was

However, police are officially linking the operation to another affair, the murder of two Spanish tourists in a on August 24.

all French of either Algerian or Moroccan origin.

Paris suburbs where they have been convicted. French police found Islamic fundamentalist texts and

a rubber stamp bearing the logo of the Islamic Salvation Army (AIS), the FIS's armed wing, during searches at the homes of two associates of

said Sunday police were trying to locate a "training camp (...) somewhere in the centre of France" where young Islamic fundamentalists were being taught shooting and martial arts.

Two of the suspects were taken into custody in

Damascus wants peace — Kabin

"There is an accumulation of facts which show that Syria intends to press ahead," Mr. 🚅 Rabin told the Yediot Ahaor-

"The fact the Syria has not tried to hamper Jordan and the Palestinians, who are free to make progress in the negotiations, is proof of it," he said in the interview to mark the Jewish New Year, which begins at sundown Monday.

very close to a peace agreement, according to former defence minister Ariel Shar-

ready to withdraw the army from most of the Golan within one year and to deploy along the line of heights over-looking the Galilee," Mr. Sharon said.

"That line will also be handed over to the Syrians after an interim period."

The reserve general said the outstanding points were Israel's demand for a fiveyear interim period while. Syria wants only three years and the final line of with-

"Damascus demands final withdrawal to the line before June 1967, the government is talking of withdrawal to the border during the British mandate which would leave

two enclaves in our hands." They are an area near the source of the Banyas river in the north of the plateau and the Hammat Gader in the

south, bordering Jordan. Mr. Sharon, who led the 1982 Israel invasion of Lebanon, also said Israel would

riarchs in Hebron closed until the West Bank town was handed over to autonomous Palestinian rule.

The complex has been shut since a Jewish settler murdered 29 Muslims there on February 25.

Meanwhile, an opinion poll showed more than six out of 10 Israelis support at least a partial withdrawal from the Golan Heights in

return for peace. sturn for peace.
State radio found that 27 per cent backed total withdrawal from the strategic plateau captured in th 1967 war. And 37 per cent favoured partial pullback

However 34 per cent were against handing back any part of the Golan to Syria. The remainder voiced no opinion.

Mr. Rabin has pledged to hold a referendum before returning any substantial part of the heights, but peace talks have been stalled since the February mosque massacre in

Saddam to build 'greatest mosque'

NICOSIA (AFP) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has ordered work to start soon on one of the world's greatest mosques which may ear his name, the official news agency INA said Sun-

day.

The mosque will be "one sites of civiof the greatest sites of civilisation, among the most important achievements of the president's rule, and an

and the altar of Jacob and it added.

munique faxed to an international news agency.

ers will be definite and painful, and the price that Rabin and his soldiers will pay will be costly and heavy," Hamas

architectural beauty in typical Baghdad style," said INA, monitored in Cyprus. President Saddam and

members of the ruling Baath Party leadership examined a model of the mosque on Sunday when leaders suggested it should be named after the president, the agency said.

The expression God is Great will be written high on the minarets ... to remind the world that the unjust blockade has failed to weaken the Iragis' faith, and that on the contrary it strengthened it,"

The agency was referring to the U.N. oil and trade embargo imposed on Iraq following its August 1990 inva-sion of Kuwait. Iraq's secular regime began

to emphasise Islamic values during the Gulf crisis, as the president sought Muslim backing against the U.S.-led multinational coalition.

Islamic Conference (OIC) to attend a meeting that was slated to be held later Sunday in Cairo to coordinate the stands of OIC member states on issues to be discussed at the conference. He said Jordan's ambassador in Cairo was due to attend the Egypt denies Sudan charges

its forces attacked Halaib CAIRO (Agencies) — Egypt on Sunday denied Sudanese allegations that Egyptian troops had launched an attack on a disputed border area and kidnapped a

Sudanese officer. Defence ministry officials denied knowledge of the Sudanese claim but said Egypt was free to move any

troops into its own territory. "Egypt is free to move troops into any of its territory. Halaib town is Egyptian and we have no troops there. But they can move in and out freely," one official said. He noted Sudan had made

similar charges of border attacks in the past. "We are used to such lies from the Sudanese government which it makes within a Planned campaign against Egypt," he said. The foreign ministry de-

issue and one official said the presidency may issue a state-A Sudanese foreign minis-

try statement broadcast by Radio Sudan, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation on Saturday, said the Egyptian troops attacked the border town of Halaib with the intention of occupy-

The statement said that an Egyptian force crossed the border early Saturday and attacked the harbour in a "premeditated provocation."

The Egyptian ambassador in Khartoum was called to the foreign ministry and handed a protest in which Khartoum demanded an im-mediate withdrawal of Egyp-tian troops from Halaib and the release of the kidnapped

It claimed to have evidence of plans by Egyptian forces to occupy Halaib, the main town in the governorate of the same name, and cited movements of tanks, machinery and marine vessels around the town.

Khartoum issued similar charges against Egypt in De-cember 1992 complaining of an alleged Egyptian incursion into the area. Egypt denied the claim in a letter to the Security Council, and warned Khartoum of severe consequences in the event of a threat to its share of Nile water.

The dispute over the area, which goes back some 30 years, has continued despite mediation efforts by Syria, Libya and Palestine Liberation Organisation leader Yas-

hold 11 **Islamists**

Islamic fundamentalists were in custody in France on Sunday, suspected of supporting armed extremist organisations, notably in Algeria. judicial sources said.

Over the past four days, French police around the country have questioned around thirty people in an attempt to break up fundamentalist networks thought to be supporting

Top French terrorist judge. Jean-Louis Bruguiere, must decide Monday whether to charge the eleven. Mr. Bruguiere is also handling the prosecution in the current Carlos terrorist case.

launched shortly after 20 alleged supporters of Alger-ia's outlawed Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) were deported from France to Burkina Faso last Wednesday.

hotel in Marrakesh, Morocco The four suspects arrested by Moroccan police in connection with the attack were

All four come from the

beat him to death. For its part, France's Jour-nal de Dimanche newspaper

Orleans, south of Paris. | crate the holy site.

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Syria wants to press ahead to make peace with Israel. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said in an interview published

not newspaper.

The two neighbours are

"Only a few minor points remain to be settled for an agreement," Mr. Sharon told Saturday night.

the right-wing Likud Party on "As soon as an agreement is signed the government is

keep the Tomb of the Pat-Hamas vows revenge 'Ibrahimi mosque to reopen Oct 12'

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — The Hebron mosque where a Jewish settler massacred more than 30 Palestinians last February will reopen on October 12 for 10 days to test new security arrangements, Israeli radio stations said on Sunday.

office said it was checking the The Tomb of the Pat-

riarchs, holy to Muslims and Jews, has been closed since U.S.-born Baruch Goldstein opened fire on Arab worshippers on Feb. 25. Survivors

have installed closed circuit television cameras and metal detectors to try to tighten security at the site, in the heart of the West Bank city of Hebron - a flashpoint of Arab-Israeli tensions.

riarch Abraham, would dese-

Israeli radio stations said the October 12 opening date was disclosed by Major-General Ilan Biran, chief of the central command, in a briefing to members of a parliamentary committee that

The army spokesman's

Israeli military authorities

The PLO has said plans to split the worshipping area in two, effectively barring Arabs from the tomb of pat-

toured the shrine on Sunday. Jewish settlers and rightwing legislators had pressed the army unsuccessfully to open the prayer halls for the Jewish new year which starts on Monday night.

According to the radio re-ports, Gen. Biran told the committee the shrine would remain open for 10 days to test the new security measures. A decision would then be taken on whether to open the site permanently.

Barred from entering the mosque last week, the PLO's chief negotiator, Nabil Shaath, told reporters outside: "What should be done is to make sure there are security arrangements...but that does not happen by mutilating this place of God

and dividing it." In Beirut, Islamic militants accused Israel of trying to its fighters would exact pain-

The Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas said partitioning of the site. known to Arabs as the Ibrahimi Al Sharif mosque, by Israeli authorities since the massacre had left 55 per cent of its area under Jewish control, including two of the three altars of the prophets and most of the

Hamas said the altar of

Abraham, the nave, pulpit

most of the third altar were now reserved for Jewish worshippers. "Muslims have been banned from entering those places except for two small areas," Hamas said in a com-

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Jordanian diplomat on a visit to Kuwait for the first time since the Gulf crisis said he was warmly received despite strains between the two countries over Iraq's 1990-91 occupation, newspapers reported on Sunday.

"I consider Kuwait my second homeland," Foreign Ministry counsellor Mashour Zaben was quoted as saying after talks with foreign minis-try undersecretary Suleiman Al Shaheen.

"I felt that I am sitting among my family and friends," he said in remarks reported by Al Seyasseh and sister newspaper the Englishlanguage Arab Times.

Nír. Zaben, who was met at the airport by an official - office of Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah, is on a technical visit to inspect Jordan's embas: 'n Kuwait which has been closed since Iraq's 1990 invasion.

Ties between the two countries were strained following Iraq's seven-month occupation of Kuwait. Kuwait withdrew its

ambassador from Amman sy. but diplomatic relations were not severed. Kuwait's embas- Foreign Affairs in Amman

sy in Amman is open and functioning under a charge d'affaires.

Over 250,000 Jordanians of Palestinian origin were among the 350,000 to 400,000 Palestinians forced to flee the emirate after the war.

Kuwaiti foreign ministry officials have described Mr. Zaben's visit as purely administrative. They say officials make

such visits every three or four months to pay the salaries of local non-diplomatic staff and rent and to ensure the premises are in good repair. They would not say whether previous visits had been made by anyone as senior as Mr. Zaben.

Mr. Zaben was quoted as saying: "I hope there will be more official exchanges between Jordan and Kuwait in the future ... Jordan is a country open to all Arabs." 'I will convey all the im-

pressions and points of view of Kuwait to the Jordanian government to get a clearer vision of different issues." Diplomats in Amman have

said Jordan is expected to test : I's readiness to allow Jordan to reopen the embas-

Meanwhile, the Ministry of



Saudi Arabia expelled most of Jordan's diplomats in September 1990 only allowing the ambassador and one

Saudi approval.

post and is waiting official

other diplomat to stay behind in reprisal for what it perceived as Jordan's backing of

Iraq.
Two years later Jordan recalled its ambassador, as relations worsened.

Riyadh recalled its own ambassador in October 1990 and since then has only kept a charge d'affaires in Amman. A new phase in relations between the two countries

was marked last week when officials from the border posts at Emari, in Jordan, and Hadithi, in Saudi Arabia. held their first official meet-

They agreed to "closer cooperation on border issues and re-establishing telephone links between their two posts." officials said.

Iraq accuses neighbours of plotting against its unity

NICOSIA (AFP) — Iraq on Sunday accused neighbouring Syria, Iran and Turkey of backing Kurdish separatism in its northern regions.

The government daily newspaper Al Jumhuriya said "Syria. Turkey and Iran are acting against Iraq's unity by encouraging Kurdish groups in northern Iraq to break away." the Iraqi official news agency INA reported.

The report, monitored in Cyprus, branded as a "smoke screen" a recent statement by the three countries backing fragi unity.

The foreign ministers of Syria, Turkey and Iran said at a meeting last month in Damascus- that they were "determined to fight any ac-tion aiming to divide Iraq."

but also called on Baghdad to stop persecuting the Kurds. There are an estimated 25 million Kurds spread over Turkey (12 to 15 million), Iran (six to eight million),

(one million). Northern Iraq has been under Kurdish control since the end of the Gulf war in February 1991 with the backing of the U.S.-led coalition that drove Iraq troops

Iraq (four million) and Syria

out of Kuwait. Al Jumhuriya criticised Iraq's neighbours for "insisting on blaming Baghdad for the abnormal situation prevailing in the northern rewhere the Kurds gions. ousted President Saddam Hussein's administration in

Israeli population at 5.41m

TEL AVIV (AFP) - The Israeli population has climbed 2.3 per cent over the last 12 months to reach 5,410,000, the national bureau of statistics announced Sunday.

Immigration of 75,000 people and a high birth rate among Arab-Israelis swelled the figures which break down into \$1.1 per cent Jews, 14.2 per cent Muslims, three per cent Christians and 1.7 per cent Druze.

Israel counts the 150,000 Palestinians of annexed East Jerusalem and the 15,000 Druze on the Golan Heights, who have refused citizenship, in its population.



Acting Prime Minister Thougan Hindawi Sun- His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the day addresses an economic forum convened by Regent, at the Royal Palace (Petra photo)

FIS edges closer to talks

ia's banned fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) appeared to be edging closer to talks with the militarybacked authorities ahead of President Liamine Zeroual's second round of talks with

the legal opposition Monday. The independent centrist daily Liberte reported Saturday that senior adviser to Zeroual, General Mohammad Betchine, had met FIS leader Sheikh Abassi Madani in jail in Blida, south of here,

last Tuesday. Mr. Madani, who was arrested in June 1991 and sentenced to 12 years in July 1992, raised the possibility of a ceasefire to the FIS's twoand-a-half year old campaign of violence against the government, the paper said. There has been no official

confirmation that the meeting took place.

An FIS spokesman in exile in Bonn, Rabah Kebir, said Saturday that Madani had for the first time written Mr. Zeroual a letter setting out pre-conditions for a truce.

Previous letters to Mr. Zeroual had come from Mr. Madani's number two Ali Belhadj, who was also jailed for 12 years in July 1992, and had never mentioned a truce. Mr. Madani repeated the pre-conditions that Belhadj had already set out: — A return to the rule of the possibility for im-

prisoned and exiled FIS leaders to meet freely; - an open approach to the conflict between the government and the militants, under

the scrutiny of the press and Mr. Kebir also confirmed to AFP that Gen. Betchine had met Mr. Madani and other jailed FIS leaders last

Mr. Zeroual has insisted that before it can join talks, the FIS must renounce violence and halt a campaign that has cost some 15,000 lives since the government in January 1992 cancelled the second round of elections the FIS was poised to win.

The president resumed talks with five moderate opposition groups two weeks ago, but did not invite the FIS.

Efforts to secure a ceasefire have so far run up against vehement opposition from the ultra-radical Armed Islamic Group (GIA), which has rejected any ceasefire, dialogue or reconciliation with the existing authorities.

The FIS seems to hold no sway over the GIA, and its own armed wing, the Islamic Salvation Army, does not have much contact with the

At the end of last year. when he was defence minister, Mr. Zeroual met Mr. Madani and other FIS leaders in the military prison in

That meeting led to the release in February of two fundamentalist leaders, Ali Djeddi and Abdelkader Boukhamkham, who were given the task of contacting fundamentalist groups with a

view to ending the violence. Mr. Madani's letter to Mr. Zeroual was also reported in the London-based Saudi daily Al Shark Al Awsat, which reported that Mr. Madani had assured Mr. Zeroual he agreed with what the president called "non-negotiables" about the country's

Those were the rejection of violence, respect for the constitution and the republic, the enshrinement of Islam as the state religion, respect for individual and group rights and acceptance of multi-party

The FIS has consistently accused the government of violating those values, including the rejection of violence. Mr. Zeroual has said it is

up to the leadership of the FIS, which the government dissolved in April 1992, to publicly declare its commitment to the non-negotiable

'Queen will not attend rainers wor population conference'

CAIRO (AFP) — Her Khaled Al Ghazawy, and incancelled plans to attend the U.N. population conference which opens here Monday, a Jordanian diplomat told AFP

The diplomat dismissed the charge that Muslim fundamentalist pressure had prompted the Queen to cancel her trip saying that "it was impossible for her to come." The Egyptian semi-official

daily Al Ahram on Sunday said the Queen had cancelled her visit because of King Hussein's travel plans. The couple are currently in London as part of a trip to Europe which has already

taken them to France and

Germany. The diplomat, who asked not to be named, said Jordan 'will participate with a very large delegation." headed by Jordan's Labour Minister

members of non governmental organi (NGOs).

At least 15,000 peop from 160 countries are day here to attend the U.N. In ternational Conference of Population and Developm to discuss ways of slowing the international birth rate and boosting social conditions

The conference, which lasts until Sept. 13, h aiready come under atta from both the Vatican a Muslim fundamentalists cause they say its 20action plan violates reliethics.

Saudi Arabia, Sudas Lebanon and Iraq ar boycotting the conference And Bangladeshi Pri Minister Khaleda Zia and Turkish counterpart Ta Cilier have also pulled

Freed prisoners clash with Palestinian polic

JERICHO, West Bank (AFP) - More than 200 released prisoners clashed with Palestinian police in Jericho and later burned tires and blocked a highway in protest over their conditions, officials and witnesses said Sun-

The incidents took place Saturday morning and continued into the late evening.

At least 500 Palestinians have been released over the last four months from Israeli jails on condition they spend the rest of their term in the Palestinian autonomous area of Jericho. Many were convicted of

killing fellow Palestinians suspected of collaborating with Israel. Trouble erupted when the

men marched from their living quarters on the outskirts of Jericho up the main police station, Fawzi Amarna, a witness said. When police fired shots in

the air, fist-fights developed and two of the prisoners were slightly hurt, Mr. Amarna and other witnesses said. The crowd dispersed, but

regrouped late evening near the entrance to Jericho, burning tires and briefly blocking the highway which is used by joint Israeli-Palestinian

security patrols. Police and Israeli did not intervene.

Temporarily living school buildings, the prisoners have been prisoners have been prisoners that the school buildings in the sc ing the restrictions, indelegation slipped of Gaza City last week to PLO chief Yasser Ara

They were especi angered recently over to be transferred to d unsuitable, living quan Mr. Amarna said.

He said Palestinian avi ities refused to meet the and had not covered expenses for two weeks freed prisoners so far haven jobs but may be enrolled the police force, offic have said. But Jibril Rajoub, head

intelligence in Jericho. the men were "already for of the security apparate and were being paid at dingly. However, they they specific functions yet

Mr. Rajoub said the oners demonstrated of day to "show the winds the voice and put bessure o Israel." to release thems

And, while acknowled there had been a fight. h qualified it as a" among citizens, not with t security forces."

Carlos faces judge today

PARIS (R) — Guerrilla mastermind "Carlos the Jackal" from Sudan last month. At that first meeting, Mr. Bm

Carlos meets French antiterrorism judge Jean-Louis Bruguiere, investigating his alleged involvement in the attack in central Paris which

and was not in Paris at the time. "The (police) dossier is still empty." said Mourad Oussedik, one of Carlos's

The attack is the only one for which Carlos is formally under investigation in France, although probes into other attacks are being reopened. Carlos won a worldwide notoriety with a string of grisly attacks in the 1970s and 1980s.

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Rabin, Peres battle over Nobel peace prize "I am not looking for glory," British Prime Minister John

By Barry Parker Agence France Presse

TEL AVIV — The 1994 Nobel peace prize has opened up old hostilities between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres who are campaigning for the award and against each other.

"The two are running intensive campaigns to try to win the peace prize," one minister told AFP. "Everything else has become secondary to winning the Nobel "They are both over 70

years old and in the twilight of their towering careers. Glory and a place in history is a huge motivation for the pair of them now," he said. Mr. Rabin's bureau director and former journalist

the United States, the officials said. And Uri Savir, foreign ministry director-general, is running the Peres campaign concentrating on Europe.

Eytan Haber is orchestrating

the premier's bid, centred on

Everyone in Israel believes at least one of the two will get the award and both camps previous winners to back their claims. The laureates will be

announced on Oct. 14, fittingly enough in Oslo where secret talks between the PLO and Israel led to the Declaration of Principles for autonomy last September. Shevah Weiss exercised his

prerogative as Israeli parliament speaker to put forward Mr. Rabin's name. "I could not recommend more than one person," he said. The precedent of the award to the late Israeli pre-

mier Menacher Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in 1979 does not augur well either. However, in the cabinet, there is wide recognition of the key role Peres played in the breakthrough with the

Palestine Liberation Orga-

nisation and in pushing Mr. Rabin into accepting a deal. "The best thing would be for a joint prize, It would be a tragedy if Rabin gets it and not Peres," said another



Shimon Peres

senior government official.

Mr. Rabin has reportedly told friends that Mr. Peres is

obsessed with glory. He was not pleased when Mr. Peres put out a book called "The New Middle East" in the middle of the process, fully praising his own role and ignoring others. Another minister noted



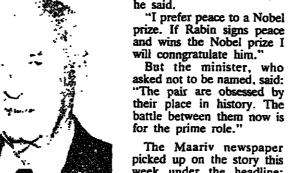
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that Mr. Rabin, despite his disclaimers, is not indifferent his historic role. He was military chief of staff during Israel's stunning victory over the Arabs in the 1967 Middle

statement on the Nobel race.

"I prefer peace to a Nobel and wins the Nobel prize I will conngratulate him." But the minister, who asked not to be named, said: 'The pair are obsessed by their place in history. The battle between them now is for the prime role."

week under the headline: 'Nobel peace prize battle." The atmosphere is tense

in the offices of Rabin and Peres," the daily said. Sources close to Rabin said he wants the prize for himself. "Peres's men are con-

vinced the prime minister is doing everything he can to stop Peres. Rabin's men have thrown back the accusation.' The newspaper said hostilities began in November 1993, when a Rabin aide returned from overseas with news that Mr. Peres had already laun-

ched a campaign with letters

of support from French Presi-

dent François Mitterrand and

In fact, Mr. Peres and Mr. at war with each other for decades, marked by periodic truces.

It can be traced back to the mid-50's when Mr. Peres, as premier Ben Gurion's hitman, dismantled the Palmah military unit of which Mr. Rabin was a senior commander. In 1979, Mr. Rabin ac-

cused Mr. Peres of subversion and megalomania in a book which the opposition used against the latter for vears to come. The vendetta has con-

tinued with the struggle for the Labour Party leadership and some analysts predict disastrous results if Mr. Peres is snubbed by the Nobel committee. They shared a U.N. peace award with Arafat in July but

it announced an international cooperation award on Friday. Both Mr. Rabin and Mr. Peres have been nominated among 132 Nobel peace prize candidates, Maariv said.

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By Rana Husseini

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Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN — A 16-year-old girl who was shot

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The uncle told police that he went to the victim's father's house to attend a wedding ceremony. He said he placed a gun he was carrying on the television set and went to another

Shortly after leaving, he added, he heard a gunshot and when he went to check the matter he saw the victims's four-year-old brother holding the gun in his hand and his sister was lying on the floor in a pool of blood. Hospital sources said Sunday, that the teenage

pital the same day from a bullet to the chest. In another incident Saturday, a 30-year-old man from the Jordan Valley was listed in critical condi-

girl, identified by police

only as K.A.S., died in hos-

tion after he accidentally shot himself, PSD reports

The victim's brother told police that his brother, . Hatem, was cleaning a gun in the house when

accidentally one bullet was fired, striking his brother in the stomach

Hatem was rushed from the Jordan Valley to Al Bashir Hospital in Amman for treatment, the report

Hospital sources told the Jordan Times Sunday that the victim is in the intensive care unit (ICU) and is expected to survive. Police officials said they

have seized the weapons used in both incidents, but they would not indicate whether the guns were licensed or not. Meanwhile, in a separate

incident in Jerash, police apprehended a 35-year-old motorist who reportedly struck a youth and killed him, then ran into a traffic sign before ending in a ditch on the Kufer Khal/Jerash Highway, PSD reports said.

The report said that the youth was crossing the street when he was run over by a pickup truck driver identified as Abdul Karim

The youth, identified as Azam A., the pickup driver and another passenger were all rushed to Jerash Government Hospital. The youth was declared dead on arrival, while the driver and the passenger were listed in fair condition.

Police said they are investigating the accident.

UNRWA plans to promote status of women — official

AMMAN (J.T.) — Head of the Social Affairs and Relief Department at the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) Angela Williams Sunday said the agency was adopting a programme aimed at promoting the status of women among the Palestine refugees living

Speaking at a meeting with Asem Ghosheh, director of the Department of Palestine Affairs, Mrs. Williams said that by raising the status of women, UNRWA hopes to improve the general conditions inside the refugee

camps. UNRWA is also concen-

trating on vocational training to help the young men and women among the refugees find employment, said Mrs. Williams.

The total number of registered refugees living in 10 camps in Jordan now stands at about 240,000, and the Palestine refugees living in Jordan number nearly 1.15 million, according to UN-RWA figures.

The agency runs 201 schools and vocational training centres for young men and women. UNRWA provides educa-

tion, health, relief and social services to more than 2.9 million Palestine refugees

ral disasters in the past few years, said the ACC chief.

Explaining the nature of

other difficulties facing the

farmers, Mr. Arabiyat said

that in the wake of the Guif

war, Jordanian farmers found

AMMAN (Petra) — The Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC) granted JD 9 million in loans to 3.504 farmers from the start of 1994 to the end of August to finance 3037 agricultural schemes.

ACC Director General Mohammad Arabiyat said the projects included establishing poultry farms, pur-chasing of farm machinery and equipment, setting up farmhouses and the reclamation and development of agricultural lands in rain-fed and irrigated lands.

This year 65 per cent of the borrowers were first-time beneficiaries of the ACC loans, and most of them were small farmers, Mr. Arabiyat said. The fact that more farmers

are seeking ACC help for loans reflects the fact of liquidity among small farmers who took the brunt of the hardships resulting from the drought and other agricultu-

problems in marketing their produce, prices collapsed on the local markets and the farmers suffered a severe The ACC has recently adopted a programme of granting loans to rural fami-lies, especially those with a

woman as the head of the household, in order to boost women's contributions to rural development, said Mr. Arabiyat adding that since the start of this year, 748 families in the rural region have received combined loans totalling JD 1.2 million

for their projects.
The ACC said Mr. Arabiyat, has been cooperating with the Development and

Employment Fund (DEF) and has granted this fund a JD 1 million loan to be relent to the unemployed in the rural regions.

He said the main purpose of this scheme is to help curtail the migration of people from the rural to urban regions, noting that 180 unemployed persons have so far benefitted from such loans.

Mr. Arabiyat said that the ACC has decided to grant a JD 500,000 loan to the Agricultural Cooperative Organisation (ACO) to help it buy agricultural materials in bulkto be sold to the local farmers' unions at cost.

Referring to the ACC's endeavours to collect loan pay-ments from farmers, Mr. Arabiyat said the ACC this year took in JD 7 million. Earlier reports said that

the farmers are indebted to the ACC by at least JD 35

Mismanagement, contract breach end in lawn damage at Sports City — sources

By Khatab Salman Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The pest infestation which recently caused severe damage to the lawn of Al Hussein Sports City Stadium was the result of mismanagement and contract violations on the part of the company which was contracted to cultivate the new lawn, Ministry of Youth sources said.

The sources told the Jordan Times that the company, which executed the JD 159,000 contract of replacing the artificial lawn at the stadium with a natural one, had improperly conducted the

The sources, who preferred not to be identified, claimed that the contractors had failed to mix the soil with sand to facilitate water penetration, and that this 'negligence'' caused the irrigation and rain waters to pool in the soil causing it to

They, added that the sprinklers were not distributed proportionally. This,

they said, led to patches of lawn receiving no water and eventually drying out and yel-

They claimed that the con-

tract failed to include any guarantee or maintenance services to be performed by the company. The company had mowed the lawn three times before

handing over the responsibility of maintenance to the Ministry of Youth. According to Sports City Manager Isam Aredah, no new drainage system was instailed because the old British-designed system was

good enough to drain surplus

water even with a natural

Mr. Aredah added that the pest invasion was caused by natural wind and sun factors, and not by drainage prob-

The only thing wrong was that the Sports City officials allowed matches to take place on the newly-planted lawn before giving it a chance to establish stronger and deeper roots, he said. He added that the damage

done is not irreversible, and

that repair works will begin late next spring when the football season is over.

He said that if the damage was total, the repair costs could mount to JD 20,000. Director of Projects at the Ministry of Youth Khaleel

Bilbeisi denied that the contract was exclusive of maintenance and guarantee clauses, saying that the contract was drafted in accordance with government regulations. He said that the company

agreed to conduct all necessary repair works as stated in the guarantee clause of the contract which runs till Dec. 20 this year. Mr. Bilbeisi added, howev-

er, that the company and the Sports City administration have some differences regarding opening the stadium for sports activities. The company, he said, wanted the location to be closed immediately for repairs in order to minimise the damage.

Sports City and the Jordanian Football Federation, however, did not comply with the company's request and decided to postpone repairs till May 1995.

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Section of the Byzantine mosaic floor map mosaic is the earliest surviving map of the in Madaba's Church of St. George. The Holy Land and is dated back to around A.D. 560 (File photo)

Syrian writer endeavours to preserve Arab heritage

By Angham Tamimi Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - The history of a nation reveals its people's culture, traditions, language, architecture and all that is related to arts and writing — to destroy any of these landmarks, the whole history is destroyed, and

There is an attempt to destroy the Arab ancient cities, and to segregate the against him dropped 9 new Arab generations from their culture and historical sites. Svrian writer and former member of the Council of Damascus Nadia Khost told the Jordan Times during her recent visit to Am-

> Dr. Khost, who studied literature at the University of Syria, and obtained her Ph.D. in Moscow, calls for protecting the Arab ancient cities from Western interference and influence. Because of her four pub-

lished books (I Love Sham, In Acca Jail, Something Else in the Heart, and No Place for the Stranger), studies and many articles, several ancient buildings in her country were saved

from destruction. Raised in an ancient Arab house in Souq Sarouja in Damascus, Dr. Khost was greatly influenced by the city's multi-lude of antiquities. Soug Sarouja was actually a quarter of the city where many thinkers, writers and the famous Syrian painter
Tawfiq Tareq.

Being born and raised there. I feel deeply rooted and wherever I travel, I always feel eager to return home." Dr. Khost told the Jordan Times.

Among Arab citizens, there is a kind of uncrystallised knowledge concerning the importance of the Arab

legacy, said Dr. Khost. Arab governments, she said, regard the historical sites as a means of collecting hard currency through tonrism. For them, such sites have no other importance, she added.

So, being ignorant about "our history" simplifies imposing false information on it, and makes it easy to give it another identity, according to Dr. Khost.

In Jordan, there are several intruders who pretend to have found documents in order to prove that the Jews originally lived here. "I discovered this when I went to Madabba (south of Amman).

"The guide there told us that Madaba was once the Jews' homeland, and that Canaanites just "camped" there. He showed us on the map exactly where they

This is certainly false in-formation, but any foreigner would believe it." Dr. Khost saw this as ironical — that foreigners look for their roots in "our land, whereas we who have

the roots try to demolish them.' Arab governments should take more care in employing tourist guides, she said. They should be well-chosen because they may play a major role in destroying our history,' said Dr. Khost.

Moreover, "students are ignorant about their heritage," said Dr. Khost. They learn their own history as an abstract item. Homeland and its mottoes are mere words. The educational programmes look at history unseriously. If our homeland and history had tongues, they would have talked about their beauty and aesthetic aspects."
"I am not an architect,"

said Dr. Khost, "but I am

concerned about the influence of architecture on the human being, and the relationship between them." Touring Europe for more

than 11 years, Dr. Khost recognised the conversion from the modern city into the ancient one. "People in Europe are anxious to search for identity, and for their roots. I realised the beauty of my anicent city when I lived there. Unfortunately, when I came back to Damascus, Souq Sarouja was torn down," said Dr.

"As soon as I arrived from abroad, people living in ancient Damascus asked me to help stop the demolition of their city," said Dr. Khost.

"So I worked hard and discovered that the government's Koshar project was designed to pull down the whole city as part of a bigger plan to modernise

the capital." The international press spends efforts to help us forget our original identity. But identity without a person to carry it means nohing. So, there must be a p rson to protect this identity, said Dr. Khost.

The writer believes that historians and writers, as well as artists, can play a major role in restoring Arab heritage.

"Architects and engineers should not work by themselves, because they always consider the scientific side and forget the historical one," said Dr.

"With the help of several artists like the renowned actor Duraid Labham, we managed to protect the ancient city of Damascus. But if all Arabs neglect such an essential they will one day feel alienated at home."

National Library chief establishes technological section

By Cathy King Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The preservation of Jordanian heritage and culture is one of the major concerns of Ousama Mikdadi, the newlyappointed general director of the Jordanian National Library. As a result of his dedication to the library's restructuring and reorganising programme initiated in 1990, he has established a technological department that operates autonomous-

A department of national libraries and archives was established in 1977, but it was not until 1990 that the Ministry of Culture formed two directorates, one for the National Library and the other for the Archives and Documentations Department, on account of their increasing importance

within the ministry. It was then that Mr. Mikdadi, as the assistant general secretary of the Ministry of Culture, began his project of reorganisation.
The National Library is

neither a public nor a lending library. Rather it provides information for researchers and government bodies.

In any given country there is only one national library and it is the official library of the state. Its re-sponsibilities are therefore

The Jordanian National Library's main aim is to collect and arrange national works and preserve them for future generations.

Books, magazines, newspapers, periodicals, government files, maps and photographs of the Royal Family and prominent members of the society are all stored within the library's walls, making precise classification and ease of accessibility a prime objec-

Within the last four years Mr. Mikdadi has had installed a dual language (Arabic/English) compute-rised classification system, called MINISIS, to aid in locating information. Acknowledging that we are in "the era of informa-

tion and computers," Mr. Mikdadi has responded accordingly to match the needs of the people with a quick, efficient and accurate service. He has extended the

computerisation of the library to include an encyclopaedic style programme to answer questions at the touch of a button. Computerisation maximises storage space which is always a concern of librarians as they endeavour to attain as much information as possible for the development of the library.

There are two main ways to gather the information desired, which includes all written sources published in Jordan and all that is written about Jordan.

The first method ensures that a copy of any material produced in Jordan, whether written, artistic. technological or musical is deposited in the library. By depositing the pro-

Ousama Mikdadi

duced work, the creator is guaranteed the copyright; a right that cannot be attained by any other means in Jordan.

Mr. Mikdadi emphasised the importance of copyright laws, which protect individual and collective creativity, which he sees as a basic human right. In Jordan a new copyr-

ight law was introduced on April 16, 1994 which "is one of the most modern laws in the world" of its kind, said Mr. Mikdadi. If not sufficiently protected, the creators are likely to suffer from imitation, which deters future efforts and in turn, affects the development of national culture, Mr. Mikdadi added.

The procedure to deposit works with the library is easy and takes a matter of minutes. Mr. Mikdadi hopes that this will encourage people to avail of the service which is beneficial to all.

While Jordan is a mem-

ber of the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), which mainly offers protection to industry, it has yet to become a member in the Berne Convention, an internationally recognised protector of literary and artistic works.

To gain membership, the Berne Convention stipulates that the country applying must have aiready implemented its own copyright law and that the duration of protection offered is not less than 50 years after the originator's

Currently, Jordan is un-able to fulfil the second of the two prerequisites; the duration of posthumous protection being 30 years

Mr. Mikdadi aims to change this in the near future, so that Jordan becomes eligible for membership in the Berne Convention, but it will take time, he said, to obtain approval through the official chan-The second method of

collecting information is dependent upon a "gift and exchange" programme which operates between 140 institutions, mostly in the Middle East, with some worldwide as well. Libraries, universities, ministries of culture and cultural institutions all cooperate to expand their collections by informing one another of available literature, and through agreement the transactions are made. The most recent addition

to Mr. Mikdadi's list of

collaborators is the U.S. Library of Congress. The "gift and exchange"

programme introduces Jordanian literature to other countries and people, which spreads knowledge about the region and limits misconceptions. The Jordanian National Library not only sets the

standards of the quality of information stored by other libraries in the country, but it provides training courses in various subjects important to library and documentation services. Mr. Mikdadi continues to plan for the future de-

velopment of the National Library. He has already received the budget for his latest scheme which will be the implementation of a bilingual imaging system known in the computer world as CD-ROM. By a process of scanning

a document, the information can be transferred to a diskette. Each diskette can store 60,000 pages of information, which, when retrieved, can be read from the screen or printed, Mr. Mikdadi explained.

After the technology is installed early next year, the entirety of the archives will be filed in this manner. Once again, storage space of the National Library will be increased.

Mr. Mikdadi's dedication to the development of the Jordanian National Library, both technologically and culturally, substanti-ates his belief that it is a "treasure" to be shared and enjoyed by all.

LECTURE ★ Lecture in Arabic entitled "New Solutions To Solve Sterility Problems of Men and Women' by Dr. Zeid Keilani at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation in Jabal Amman at 6:30 p.m.

ANNUAL CONCERT

Annual concert displaying Circassian folklore entitled "The Last Knight" by Al Jeel Al Jadid Club at the club's premises, Jahai Amman, 7th Circle at 8:30 p.m.

Seminar in Arabic entitled "Obliteration of Arab and Islamic Traces in Palestine" with the participation of Dr. Mohammad Saqr, and Mr. Ibrahim Ghosheh at the Professional Associations Complex at 6:00 p.m.

WHAT'S GOING ON **EXHIBITIONS**

★ Exhibition of oil paintings by Iraqi artists Sa'd Al Ta'i, Talal Issa
and Mahdi Al Assadi at Al 'Ain Art Gallery (Tel. 644451).

★ Exhibition of photographs on nature and environment at the Royal

Society for the Protection of Nature. * Exhibition of Palestinian heritage at the Vocational Association

Complex, Shmeisani. * Exhibition of household items at the Amman International Motor

Exhibition, Airport Road (Tel 827408). ★ Exhibition of paintings by selected Iraqi artists at Alia Art Gallery

☆ Exhibition of Jordanian-made commodities at the International Exhibition Centre, University Road (Tel. 847113).

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Sarajevans hope the Pope will make their case

If Pope John Paul comes to Sarajevo on Thursday as planned, he will drive through shell-shattered neighbourhoods in a special armoured vehicle, past posters bearing his image and his words "you are not abandoned, we are with you.

That message delivered by the Pope last year, and the prospect that he could be visiting Sarajevo, have roused this predominantly It is not that local religious

leaders or ordinary Sarajevans believe the Pontiff can bring an end to 29 months of war. Most expect the fighting to intensify in

Instead, Sarajevans are hoping the Pope will make the case for their suffering with a clarity no visitor has so far managed.

"He comes to see the face of the modern world in which all moral principles have been broken - those of divine origin and those that are made by man," said Mustafa Ceric. Bosnia's senior Muslim cleric.

What has happened in Bosnia is against all religions, all morals, all institutions, all order in the world. The Pope must speak to this problem."

Sarajevans have grown weary of celebrity visits from politicians, rock stars, intellectuals — what one local newspaper dismisses as "political and cultural safaris" by war tourists to the jungle of

Most who came seemed diminished by their exposure to the human and physical debris of this oncemagnificent city.

Some gave stern advice, others offered sympathy rather than solutions. Most simply grew silent before the 10,000 people killed and 50,000 wounded here, most of them civilians.

U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali came in the first winter of war and told Sarajevans to stop complaining because he knew many places where people were worse off.

Joan Baez Sang, Bianca Jagger wandered and and Susan Sontag staged the Samuel Beckett play "Waiting for Godot.

British Prime Minister John Major found himself standing on the edge of town



Two Muslim women, refugees who among many others fled Velika Kladusa in western Bosnia two weeks ago, leave their make-shift shelter found in the ruins of Turanj, a suburb of the Croatian town of Karlovac, ravaged by the Serbo-Croatian war in 1991. Some 23 thousand people, mostly children, are desperatly waiting for refuge in so called third countries (AFP photo)

abandoned, bullet-riddled buildings earlier this year, trying to make small-talk with soldiers in his security

Sarajevo is expecting more, much more, from the

The Pope is the only statesman, perhaps the only man in the world who can visit us and make a moral statement," said Luksa Soljan, a Roman Catholic Croat. "It will be one of the major events of the war.'

There is a conviction among Sarajevans, however open to question, that international political leaders have conspired to play down their sufferings, that hours of television pictures and reams of newsprint still have not alerted the world to the depth of this city's losses.

"All these politicians" statements lacked the stink and the smell of what has

cause of it. That is what makes his visit so important to Sarajevans no matter what their faith.

Pope John Paul's mere presence here could hardly fail But if he is to satisfy

Sarajevo's expectations, the Pontiff must confirm that this city is more than just a frayed edge of Europe, that it is as people here fervently believe — a vision of the future in a world where morality as a basis for statecraft and diplomacy has been aban-

Meanwhile, Saturday, the Pope said he fervently hoped to go to Sarajevo if security for the population is guaranteed during his visit. Earlier, a spokesman for

U.N. troops told Vatican Radio that U.N. forces are trying to get better security guarantees from all warring parties for the Pope's hopedfor visit on Thursday.

The Pope hopes to go to the war-ravaged city for the day, but the Vatican has said the trip might only be confirmed a couple of days before because of security prob-

John Paul's remarks during his customary recitation of the rosary Saturday night indicated the trip was still un-

"I fervently hope, if there are sufficient guarantees given for the security of the population, to be able to go to Sarajevo, "so tested and so dear to me, as a pilgrim of peace." the Italian news agency ANSA quoted him as saying during the prayer session at his summer residence outside Rome, in Castle Gan-

The Vatican envoy in Sarajevo. Monsignor Francesco Monterisi, discussed the trip in a meeting Saturday with Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic in the city of Pale, according to news reports. But there was no word if any progress had been made on security guarantees. Vatican Radio earlier

quoted Michael Williams, a spokesman for UNPRO-FOR, the U.N. forces, as calling Sarajevo's security situation always "fragile and tense." He added that U.N. forces could only guarantee security at the airport, "while in the city the Bosnian government is responsible, even

though the U.N. forces will work with the Bosnian au-

thorities.' Snipers are a great worry, and for this, the Pope, during his travelling, will have tight-est surveillance," if the Pope goes. Mr. Williams said.

The Vatican says the Pope wants to say mass for the public in the city's indoor ce-skating arena, now a wardamaged leftover from the winter Olympics the city hosted in 1984.

U.N. officials Saturday also said gunfire has intensified around Sarajevo's Airport, killing at least two people and raising security con-cerns for the Pope's visit. As the Vatican envoy met

with Bosnian Serb leaders.

who oppose the papal visit, a

U.N. spokesman said security around the Bosnian capitwas deteriorating. "Yesterday it was obvious that the situation was tense around Sarajevo," Cmdr. Eric Chaperon told journal-ists Saturday. "We had quite

very good sign." He said one person was killed and two wounded by fire from a Serb anti-aircraft machine gun Friday on Mount Igman, which overlooks the airport, along the only remaining land route

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into the city. A girl also was reported killed in the Hrasnica suburb near the airport, and shots were fired at a patrol of U.N. military observers. A French U.N. armoured personnel carrier came under smallarms fire near the airport.

pressed concern about security for the papal visit, and Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic has warned the Pontiff against making the

trip.
Most Serbs are Eastern Orthodox believers, while Croats in Bosnia and neighbouring Croatia are predomi-nantly Roman Catholic.

Bosnia's Muslim-led government has endorsed the visit, saying it would provide an big morale boost to Sarajevans who have suffered more than two years of Serb

In neighbouring Croatia, a visiting Croat member of Bosnia's presidency, Ivo Komsic, said the main security danger was not to the Pope, but to 20,000 to 30,000 people who might gather to see him or hear his planned mass in the city's ice-skating stadium.

"Every gathering of that many people in Sarajevo is considered dangerous," Mr. Komsic said.

U.N. officials said the Serb anti-aircraft gun that opened fire on the Mount Igman Road Friday was under the size of heavy weapons tghat are supposed to be banned from an exclusion zone around Sarajevo.

Meanwhile, U.N. and Red Cross officials continued to express alarm at a stepped-up campaign by Serbs to purgue all non-Serbs from land around Bijeljina in northeastern Bosnia and Banja Luka in the north.

Another 600 Muslim re-

fugees arrived Friday in the government-held town of Tuzla after having been forced from their homes. Many said they were robbed as they left.

"They arrived exhausted and weakened," said Lisa Jones, a Red Cross spokeswoman. "There were several very sick cases whio had to be transported to Tuzla Hospit-

The U.N. Security Council issued a statement Friday condemning the Serb ethnic cleansing campaign. But the council also expressed concern about recent military actions and buildups by the Bosnian government army.

Bosnia's minority Serbs launched the war in April 1992 when they rebelled against a vote by the repub-lic's Muslims and Croats to seceed from Yugoslavia. which now is made up only of Serbia and Montenegro.

Armed and supplied by Serbia, they captured 70 per cent of the republic and declared thewir own state.

They are under pressure to accept a peace plan that would force them to give up a third of their holdings, leaving 51 per cent of Bosnia for a Croat-Muslim federation.

Bosnian Serb leaders have rejected the plan, even under pressure from Serbia. Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, widely blamed for instigating the war, earlier this month cut economic ties with the Bosnian Serbs in a bid to get U.N. sanctions against his own country

much of the informati coming from Stasi files of Berlin Wall.



Turanj, a suburb of the Croatian town of Karlovac hoping for refuge in west-ern countries (AFP photo)

two weeks ago and are now stuck in Aid agencies must ease tension in Rwanda — U.N.

A local Red Cross volunteer reads out

messages to the crowd of refugees who

fled Velika Kladusa in western Bosnia

OSAKA, Japan (R) -First visitors to Japan's newest Kansai International Airport in Osaka were surprised by the spectacular terminal building, colourful opening events and, most of all, high taxes and prices to use its facilities. The airport tax at the

offshore airport, which opened for business on Sunday, stands at 2,600

"Expensive, very expensive," one Japanese male international traveller in his fifties said of the tax.

Kansai airport is Japan's second major international airport and the first to open in 16 years. Located off Osaka, the economic centre of western Japan, the country's first fully 24hour airport also takes in domestic flights.

It has a single 3,500metre runway on 511 hectares of land reclaimed on Osaka Bay.

The ultra-modern terminal building features a rolling, cloud-shaped roof designed by Italian architect Renzo Piano, creator of the Georges Pompidou Centre in Paris.

In contrast with the terminal, priests clad in long, white kimonos conducted a pre-dawn opening rite in the ancient style of Japan's indigenous Shinto religion. The airport_welcomed its first regular flight short-

VIENNA (AFP) - The

International Atomic

Energy Agency (IAEA)

begins a four-day confer-

ence here on Monday to

debate the future of nuc-

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The gathering comes

amid public anxiety over

nuclear energy, prompted

by recent reports of pluto-

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ly after 6:00 a.m. (21:00 GMT Saturday), a Japan Airlines flight from Guam. Aboard, a Japanese couple held an in-flight wedding to coincide with the airport opening.

The airport will take in 339 international and 469 domestic flights a week initially. It aims to increase to 630 international and 490 domestic flights. Some mishaps marred

the first day of operations. Airport authorities said 20 passengers from the port city of Kobe missed their flights because the hydrofoil airport commuter boat they were taking broke down. Garbage found its way into the ship's engine, authorities

A computer glitch at an air traffic control centre in Tokorozawa, outside Tokyo, caused 19 flights from Kansai airport to delay departure by as much as about one hour, transport ministry officials said.

The airpot cost a whopping 1.5 trillion yen (\$15 billion) to build and it is still costing more, including work to jack up the reclaimed land sinking at a rate of about 2.5 cm every

The car toll to cross the bridge to the airport is 1,700 yen (\$17). A taxi ride from Osaka station in downtown Osaka costs ab-

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IAEA director Hans Blix

will not adopt formal re-

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new types of reactors, such

as the European pressu-

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readied for commercial

service in 2005 by French

and German engineers.

Participants at the con-

ference — which marks the 4th anniversary of the

world's first civilian nuc-

lear power station at

Obninsk in Russia — are

also to discuss measures to

reduce investment costs in

order to make nuclear

power more competitive in

relation to coal and gas as

a source of energy.

Delegates here - who

IAEA opens nuclear energy conference

Kansai airport takes first flights out 19,000 yen (\$190). Food and drinks are just as expensive as elsewhere in Japan with a cup of coffee. for example, costing about 500 yen (\$5).

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This is the last place on earth

for diplomacy."

Bosnian Serb leaders,

whose troops surrounded the

city, have so far refused to guarantee safe passage for the Pope's visit. Many specu-

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"He is not coming despite

"Sarajevo is a metropolis

Bishop Pero Sudar says

to the 74-year-old Pontiff.

"We have half a million

Landing fees for international flights stood at 2,400 yen (\$24) per tonne which is the same as that of the Tokyo International Airport at Narita, the most expensive airport in the world. Kansai International Airport Company (KIAC) initialy wanted 2,640 yen (\$26.4) per tonne but met severe objections from international carriers.

The high landing fee and the prolonged global air-line slump have slashed the number of flights to and from the airport. That will force KIAC to face larger initial losses than originally estimated and may delay its debt repayment plan, industry analysts said.

Despite all that, first airport visitors were happy. "The airport looks great. The interior's colourful and it is spacious," said a 26-year-old Japanese woman who was waiting for the first domestic flight to take off from

"It does not look like an ordinary Japanese public facilities which always look grey and square." a Japanese Airline official

Between now and 2010,

according to Mr. Blix, who

cited a study by the orga-

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demand for electricity will

increase by 75 per cent.
"Where will this elec-

tricity come from?" he asked.

At present 430 nuclear

reactors are operating in

30 countries, providing 17 per cent of the world's

There are 55 reactors

under construction, mostly

in Asia and central

Europe, in response to

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But in western industrial-

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levelled off markedly.

A Rwandan woman is registered with her children at the Kahindo refugee camp, 40 km north from the Zairean town of Goma. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) recently

KIGALI (R) — A senior U.N. aid official said on Sunday the immediate emergency may be over in Rwanda, but ethnic hatred is still running high and aid agencies should work to ease tension in the Central African coun-

"The war is still not over," Charles Petrie, deputy humanitarian coordinator of the U.N. Rwanda Emergency Office (UNREO), told Reuters. "The spirits have escaped Pandora's box and

are out there."
"The emergency may be over but there is still a crisis. Some people think because we are out of the emergency we are also out of the crisis. We are not — and we should now be working to ease ten-

Mr. Petrie said he did not think the low-level insecurity in Rwanda, now trying to recover from civil war and ethnic killings in which more than a million people are estimated to have died, would develop into mass conflict in the short term. But he said infiltration and sabotage by troops loyal to the ousted government could threaten stability.

The slaughter that foilowed the killing of President Juvenal Habyarimana in a rocket attack on his plane on April 6 led to an exodus of millions of refugees intoneighbouring countries. mostly to teeming camps in Zaire, and an aid crisis.

Mr. Petrie identified seven 'spirits" still bedevilling Rwanda — human rights, ethnic tension, land ownership, political uncertainty, lack of a bilateral ceasefire, hunger and disease.

In the short term, he said. the main effort should be to rehabilitate the countryside so that people were encouraged to return from refugee camps in Zaire, Burundi and Tanzaπia.

The World Bank has granted \$20 million to U.N. agencies for infrastructure projects.

Donors should be encour-

a hospital (AFP photo) aged to help in areas such as agriculture - the rainy season will soon start and the

opened this new camp for 60,000 people, better

equipped than the other camps with water, roads and

vices such as power and water, Mr. Petrie said. Vice President Paul Kagame has called on Rwandans to cooperate with the new government in combatting crime committed by sol-

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well as health and basic ser-

diers and others. "I would like to remind people that everyone has a role to play in combatting the wrongdoings of soldiers and Rwandans in general," he said in a speech in the southern town of Butare broadcast on Rwandan Radio on Satur-

"Some of my colleagues and I have heard from people that soldiers are committing offences - in many cases in conjunction with civilians... on other occasions, there is banditry. These acts are carried out by people in their personal capacity. We try to

rehabilitate these people whenever we get to know about these acts," Mr.

A group of aid agencies calling themselves concerned partners in assistance said in a document made available to Reuters: "Until some resolution is brought to the political and military elements of the situation in and around Rwanda, security will be tenuous."

And Thomas Gurtner, relief coordinator of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) told Reuters: "Though the worst of the instability is over, one must not forget the country has suffered almost 40 years of intermittent civil strife. Only an optimist would think

everything has been solved. "The past months created havoc throughout the country and hundreds of thousands can no longer cope on their own because of the aftermath of the war and the refugee movements."

Top official gay information to East German spile WS IN BRIE HAMBURG, Germa (AP) — A top advisor Chancellor Helmot Koll knowingly provided infor

tion to an East Germa agent for more than 10 well. Der Spiegel magazine a Saturday. Walden Schreckenberger Schreckenberger, a secretary and intellicoordinator in the chi lery, met regularly at office with then West Bo iournalist Felix-Erik L who is suspected of spyin former East Germ tween 1979 and 1990 Hamburg-based Der Sp said. The report said the chief federal prosecu office in Karlsruhe, is pre-ing to file charges against Laue who has admitted ing for the Stasi intelliservice for 12,000 \$7.500 annually. No one available Saturday at federal prosecutor's office confirm the report Spiegel said most of the formation Mr. Lane obtain from Schreckenberger with confidential east policies and military ma At one point Stasi off wanted to pressure Schreckenberger by expos a private relationship 🗽 having, but Mr. Lane venting the blackmail threatening to commit so and the state secretary became aware of the jour ist's Stasi ties. Der Spie said. Excerpts from the port that is to appear in magazine's Monday edit were provided early to of news media. Since unificial states with the government of the state of in October 1990, federal secutors have opened dreds of investigation against suspected for East German spies,

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WASHINGTON (AP) Most Americans don't the way President Clinton doing his job, a new of shows. The Time magazine Cable News Network por leased Saturday shows released Saturday, shows disapprove of Mr. Clinton work in the White House per cent approve and 8 precent are not sure. Mr. Chi ton's disapproval rating is highest among the 30 Time 36 per cent, also came in Manay 1993 survey. The managements killed in an bers for the Aug. 31-Sept survey are slightly worse is the president's rating in the president and 44 per cent approve the president and are similar to results and are similar to results. and are similar to result; the polls taken by other is taken by ot

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secutors have open COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — The commander of the dreds of investig Tamil Tigers has accepted the new socialist government's against suspected poffer for unconditional peace talks to end the 11-year East German spies ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka, his aide said Saturday. A. much of the inform government minister said these talks could start "within a coming from Stasi file few weeks or a few months." In his response to the fiscated after the fall government's offer for talks, rebel leader Velupillai Prabhakaran said in a statement that his group "is ready for a ceasefire and unconditional peace talks." Mr. Prabhakaran's statement was read out by his aide. Anton Balasinghe. approval rating at a ceremony in northern Sri Lanka where 10 policemen

captivity. Sri Lanka's junior minister for defence, Anurud-WASHINGTON (AR dha Ratwatte, told reporters that things can move faster Most Americans don now. "We can't lay down a time frame for peace talks but the way President Cing we hope that these talks can start within a few weeks or a doing his job, a lest few months." The government will consider freeing of shows. The Time mag some rebels from its custody in response to the release of Cable News Network, the 10 policemen, the minister said. The rebel leader released Saturday, we welcomed the government's easing of economic embargo per cent of adult Amen on rebel-held areas. "It is a step in the right direction to disapprove of Mr. Unital rease conditions for talks." Mr. Prabhakaran was not work in the White Horse present when the policemen were handed over to the per cent approve ali International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in cent are not sure in Chorthern Jaffna town Friday. The release was a "show of ton's disapproval rame statement said. On Saturday, the policemen flew in an air consumers to the surveys taken su has been in office. It 150 releatives and friends. The ethnic war has claimed before, in May and immore than 34,000 lives in the past 11 years. The Hindu 1993, his disapproval to discrimination in jobs and education. Tamils form 18 per was 50 per cent. The discrimination in jobs and education. Tamils form 18 per dent's lowest approval.

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bers for the Aug. 31-54 WASHINGTON (AFP) — U.S. officials honoured five survey are slightly wors! Drug Enforcement Agency agents killed during a mission the president's rating in Peru after their remains arrived here Saturday at same poll two weeks! Andrews Air Force Base on the outskirts of the capital. when 47 per cent disappe They have given their lives so that you and I and all who and 44 per cent appr come after us can live in a safer, better world," Attorney and are similar to rest General Janet Reno said during solemn ceremony with polls taken by other flag-draped coffins. The five died when their plane crashed organisations in 16, one week ago into a fog-shrouded mountain in the Andes weeks. The newest polynear Santa Lucia in the western part of the country. They based on a survey of were searching for drug runners' hidden airfields. The people. The sampling of mission was part of "operation Snowcap," the DEA's joint plus or minus 3.5 perms effort with the Peruvian government to halt the flow of points. the world's coca - the base product cocaine comes from -Prominent Gree the world's coca — the base product cocame conducting operapainter dead at tions in Peru and Bolivia since 1987. Roughly 10 U.S. ATHENS, Greece (A) agents are based in Peru and 12 in Bolivia, according to the Nikos Hadjikiriakos-0 DEA. A continuing investigation has turned up no one of Greece 's most proceed to be a substant of the continuing investigation has turned up no one of Greece 's most proceed to be a substant of the continuing investigation has turned up no one of Greece 's most proceed to be a substant of the continuing investigation has turned up no one of Greece 's most proceed to be a substant of the continuing investigation has turned up no one of Greece 's most proceed to be a substant of the continuing investigation has turned up no one of Greece 's most proceed to be a substant of the continuing investigation has turned up no one of Greece 's most proceed to be a substant of the continuing investigation has turned up no one of Greece 's most proceed to be a substant of the continuing investigation has turned up no one of Greece 's most proceed to be a substant of the continuing investigation has turned up no one of Greece 's most proceed to be a substant of the continuing investigation has turned up no one of Greece 's most proceed to be a substant of the continuing investigation has turned up no one of Greece 's most proceed to be a substant of the continuing investigation has turned up no one of Greece 's most proceed to be a substant of the continuing investigation has turned up no one of Greece 's most proceed to be a substant of the continuing investigation has turned up no one of Greece 's most proceed to be a substant of the continuing investigation has turned up no one of Greece 's most proceed to be a substant of the continuing investigation has turned up no one of Greece 's most proceed to be a substant of the continuing investigation has turned up no one of Greece 's most proceed to be a substant of the continuing investigation has turned up no one of Greece 's most proceed to be a substant of the continuing investigation has turned up no one of the continuing investigation has the continuing investigation ha

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Guerrillas, British still wary on IRA ceasefire

BELFAST (R) - The IRA and British government circled one another warily on Sunday with London saying it was not ready to accept a ceasefire by the guerrillas as permanent and the IRA saying it planned to hold onto its weapons.

Protestant extremists, the third variable in any peace equation, argued about whether to join the ceasefire and echoed the IRA in promising to use force to defend their supporters if they saw

British Prime Minister John Major rejected a plea from Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams to sit down now for talks and said he still needed convincing that the IRA ceasefire was perma-

Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds was expected to meet Mr. Adams this week. Sinn Fein is the IRA's politic-

"I would appeal to John Major to seize this moment. to seize this opportunity. Why can't we begin talks now? What reason is there for not commencing now?' Mr. Adams asked.

But a cautious Major told BBC Television: "We would like to be absolutely, copperbottomed certain that this end to violence is for good." Mr. Major welcomed the

IRA's pledge of "a complete cessation of military operations" but insisted he wanted to hear the word "permanent." The IRA kept a tight hold on its trump card, the threat

of renewed violence, insisting that it would not surrender a single firearm until Northern Ireland's Roman Catholic minority felt safe from the threat of Protestant death Top IRA sources told Reuters that the IRA had in-

nationalist targets across the province in case Protestant extremists went on the rampage to goad it out of its ceasefire and wreck new hopes of peace. 'It's the age-old suspicion. Loyalists can't be trusted.

creased security at vulnerable

And the army and police can't be trusted to look after Catholics either," said one IRA source. British security sources estimate that the Irish Re-

publican Army has up to 300

fire announcement.

tant community remained cautious as well, suspicious that London secretly agreed to reward the IRA in return for its ceasefire announcement.

closer to home. Mr. Major tried to reassure

fire, struck no secret deals,

this in an interview with BBC trying to get.

Protestant extremist leaders held meetings over the weekend to discuss joining the ceasefire but remained

idea.

tinued "protection."

Protestant extremists have

tions, much of which was hidden in dumps in the Irish Republic in the run-up to Wednesday's historic cease-

The arms, accumulated over 25 years of attacking British targets, include Kalashnikov rifles donated by Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi as well as Czechmade Semtex plastic explo-

Northern Ireland's Protes-

"We have held no secret talks to arrange this ceasemade no secret promises and accepted no conditions," he wrote in the Sunday Express newspaper.

Sinn Fein deputy leader Martin McGuinness echoed Radio. "We are totally opposed to secret deals," he said. "If there is any smell that there are secret deals, that is not conducive to the kind of peace process we are

cautious.

Several sources indicated the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF) could make an announcement later this week but said the more radical and less-disciplined Ulster Freedom Fighters (UFF) were resisting the

The UFF killed a Roman

killed more people in Northern Ireland than the IRA has this year and police say they are worried that extremist

pressure on the Albanian

government, aimed towards

the respect of international

law, human rights and the

rights of the Greek minor-

ity," spokesman Evangelos

Greece, leaving little room for compromise, has insisted

that Tirana simply abandon

what it says was a fabricated

political trial intended to in-

timidate Albania's minority

ethnic Greeks, who are seek

ing greater rights.
"We hope that even at the

11th hour Albania will show

wisdom and allow all five to go home," Deputy Foreign

Minister Yannos Kranidiotis

told reporters on Friday.
"It is evident that the

charges have collapsed, the

trial was a fabrication," he

Russian Ambassador Val-

ery Nikolayenko has told

Athens that Moscow was

ready to mediate a peaceful

Theodhori Bezhani, 61,

Vangjel Papakristo, 51,

Panajot Marto, 55, Kosta

Qirjako, 39, and Irakli Sir-

All are leading members of the ethnic Greek organisa-

tion Omonia and were

arrested after a raid on an

Albanian concripts camp in

April in which two Albanian

charges of treason, spying

and possession of arms. But

Albanian prosecutors, bow-

ing to protests from Greece.

dropped treason charges

which carried the death

penalty and were based on

Albania's old Stalinist laws.

jail sentences for the five ranging from seven to nine

years. The accused again

pleaded not guilty on Satur-

are not dropped this will be a

black spot in the decades to

come," Mr. Bezhani told the

The defendants said they

were being used as

scapegoats to frighten the

Greek minority or force it to

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"If the charges against us

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The five accused are

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ma, 52.

Venizelos told reporters.

Albania-Greece tension mounts as trial nears end

weeks.

There was no official word

A rumour that Mr. Shifter asked for the case to be dropped and the five set free could not be confirmed. He later travelled to Athens to see Greek Foreign Minister Karolos Papulias.

risha's office, issued on Sunday, said: "President Clinton agrees with President Berisha that it is in the interests of Albania, Greece and the world in general to avert a major crists in such a critical region as the Balkans."

Clinton was putting pressure

rights," a Greek government statement said.

Protestant unionists, who resist any reduction of British control over the province. have accused the government of making concessions that include agreeing to transfer top IRA prisoners to jails

Catholic man on the first day of the ceasefire last week while witnesses said UVF gunmen showed up at a rally in Belfast on Sunday, fired shots into the air, and assured their followers of their con-

TIRANA (R) - Albania and ers positive any international Greece appear set for a serious collision this week unless diplomatic intervention by the United States and Russia can defuse a mounting crisis between the Balkan neighbours.

Despite strong warnings from Greece to drop the case, an Albanian court is due to issue verdicts on Wednesday on five ethnic Greeks accused of spying for Athens.

The trial has sparked one of the fiercest feuds in the recent history of stormy relations between Tirana and

Since it began on Aug. 13, Greece has accelerated the expulsion of illegal Albanian immigrants, beefed up border controls to stop them from returning and blocked European Union aid to Albania, Europe's poorest coun-

About 40,000 have been expelled in the past three

An envoy of U.S. President Bill Clinton saw Albanian President Sali Berisha at the weekend for private talks, following Clinton letters to both sides urging dia-

from Tirana on what passed between Mr. Berisha and Mr. Clinton's special advisor on central and Eastern Europe, Richard Shifter.

A statement from Mr. Be-

Greece suggested Mr.

on Tirana to drop the case. "(The letter) mentions the special interest the United States has in the trial in Tirana and in respect for human

"The government consid-

Cuban refugees fill the deck of the U.S. Coast Guard

Cutter Matinicus before being transfered to a naval

vessel en route to the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo

MIAMI (AP) — From teeming, sun-baked tent cities at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo, to the streets of Miami, to the White House, harsh images and hard lessons of the Mariel boatlift dominate reaction to the new

Cuban exodus 14 years later. "I think the memories of 1980 have had a searing effect on the way this has been handled," said Sen. Bob Graham, Florida's governor when 125,000 Cubans came to the United States. "While those memories are very vivid here, they aren't limited

to Florida. Mariel became a classic example of how Cuban President Fidel Castro could turn an embarrassing demonstration of his own country's problems into a major headache for this country. By the time the six-month

boatlift ended, Cuba had rid his country of tens of thousands of dissidents, along with criminals and psychiatric patients, deeming them "undesirables, "worms" and "scum." The exodus caused social

upheaval in Miami, damaged the images of both the boat people and the Cuban exile community and undercut the political futures of President Jimmy Carter and a young Arkansas governor name Bill Clinton. Both Mariel and the latest flood of refugees stemmed

from violence. Nearly 25,000

BRUSSELS (R) - Ro-

mance, not combat, was up-

permost in the memories of

many allied veterans taking

part in weekend celebration

marking the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Belgium

Allied troops crossed the

country rapidly in 1944 as the

out most of the occupiers by Sept. 11-12 and continuing

their advance into the

Netherlands and Germany.
As veterans recalled, the

troops had enough time for

rest and recreation, some-

women. About 2,000 British-

"It was the thunderbolt,"

said George Milton, a royal

engineer, describing how he

met his wife Betty at a dance.

He has lived in Brussels ever

British, U.S. and Canadian

veterans returned to Belgium

for celebrations to mark the

anniversary of Belgium's li-

beration from four years of

Allied and Belgian veter-

ans paraded in Brussels,

Antwerp and other Belgian

towns during the weekend.

laid a wreath at the monu-

ment to the Unknown Soldier

in Brussels and throughout

Belgium church bells were

rung and flowers laid at war

memorials and military

Canadian army veteran

Tom Hunter described the

rapturous welcome given to

the liberating troops. There

On Sunday, King Albert

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was also a girl.

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Cubans have fled since Aug. 5, when rioting in Havana prompted Mr. Castro to announce he would not block anyone from leaving by sea for the United States. The prelude to the Mariel exodus came on April 1, 1980, when a Cuban guard was killed at the Peruvian

embassy in Cuba as six people crashed a bus into the gate and sought asylum. After Cuban guards withdrew. more than 10,000 Cubans flooded into the embassy. Within three weeks, word

Bay, Cuba. U.S. soldiers in Panama began setting up that the port of Mariel in Cuba would be opened for exiles to pick up their relatives. The last time Mr. Castro opened a port, Camarioca tercepted at sea and taken to in 1965, 5,000 refugees came Guantanamo, where they are

Mariel hangs over latest Cuban exodus

to Florida. But by 1980, there were hundreds of thousands more exiles, many able to charter or even own a boat. Shrimpers, yachts and speedboats streamed out of the Florida Keys to pick them up.

Mr. Carter initially greeted the "freedom flotilla" by evoking the American tradition of "an open heart and open arms" for refugees fleeing oppression. Soon, though, it became clear that it was not just mothers, brothers and grandchildren in the boats.

More than three weeks into the boatlift, Mr. Carter ordered it to stop. The Coast Guard began intercepting Cuba-bound boats and the customs service seized and fined violators of the ban. "Marielito" was the derogatory term for the re-

fugees. Although the hardcore criminals probably represented only a small percentage of the total, the refugees were tied to an unsavory image epitomised in Al Pacino's portraval of a bloodthirsty cocaine gangster from Mariel in a "scarface" remake.

An anti-Cuban backlash in Dade County led to passage of an "English-only" ordinance in 1980. It was repealed last year.

So far this year, U.S. authorities have identified more than 100 suspected criminals among the refugees in the latest exodus. But camp refugees said many people iailed in Cuba were there for anti-government activities or black marketing, As did Mr. Carter, first-

term Gov. Clinton lost his reelection bid in 1980. Republican Frank White accused him of failing to "stand up for Arkansas," in allowing Cuban refugees to be housed

begin arriving from Guantanamo Bay as early as Sept. 5 (AFP photo)

facilities for up to 10,000 Cuban refugees who could

scared and angered residents. Mr. Clinton took the surcamp site. prise step two weeks ago of ordering that Cubans be in-

being detained indefinitely." 'I believe that most Cuban-Americans want us to be very firm," Mr. Clinton said. They remember how awful it was for the United States when a Mariel boatlift occurred."

Indeed, the current exodus had been largely limited to rafts and makeshift boats. Mr. Castro left the door open for exiles to bring boats to Cuba, but failed to stir another boatlift.

Meanwhile, with the crisis still unresolved, Cubans at Guantanamo are painfully aware their fates are tied to Mariel memories.

We are not Marielitos. We want Americans to recognise that we are nice people. we are ready to cooperate. we are really grateful." said Jorge Martinez, who had been a university professor in Havana. "During the Mariel boatlift, a lot of scum and criminals were sent to the sttes, but we have doctors, nurses, technicians, engineers, lawyers.'

Added 29-year-old Jorge Luis-Milanes, who had been journalist for the Cuban state youth newspaper, Juventud Rebelde: "These are dissidents. This is really

not a Mariel." Meanwhile, American soldiers scrambled Saturday to set up a camp outside Panama City for up to 10,000 Cuban refugees who could begin arriving as early as Monday from the overcrowded U.S. navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The sprawl of tents going นอ on a jumble-covered bluff overlooking the Panama Canal will be the first facility tor detained Cubans outside the United States or Cuba A steady stream of trucks

ing water Saturday to the

More than 28,000 Cubans have tried to flee across the 144-kilometre Florida Straits int he past month, most on flimsy rafts. Cuban President Fidel Castro has let them go, apparently hoping to force the United States to reverse its economic embargo of the island. The Coast Guard is inter-

cepting the rafters and taking them to camps at Guantanamo, already home to thousands of Haitian refugees. The United States has asked nations in the Caribbean region to help shelter the Cuban refugees. On Friday, the U.S. South-

ern Command said 2,000 Haitians from Guantanamo would be flown to a camp in

Suriname in South America. Panama said Friday it will sign an agreement this weekend with the United States to accept as many as 10.000 Cubans for up to six month. The Cubans will start arriving there Monday. according to a Panamanian official who spoke on condi-

tion of anonymity. Trucks carrying tonnes of gravel and supplies of drinking water, American soldiers in mottled fatigues, and military police moved in and out the camp past a military

roadblock Saturday. The camp, based on the Empire Range Complex, a U.S. military-controlled tract 11 kilometres east of Panama City, is to consist of four sub-camps each handling 2,000 detainees who will be assigned tents by family, health condition and gender, said a U.S. offiical, speaking

on condition of anonymity. The rafters are to arrive at the Howard Air Base outside Panama City, where they will be given medical checkups and ID bracelets, the official

The official said religious activities and classes in child care would be available at the

carried tents, gravel, wooden sleeping platforms and drinkreached the United States at Fort Chaffee, where a riot camp.



Huge crowds are attracted by the military of the liberation of Belgium by the Allied parade on Brussels' Grand Place as Bel- Forces in September 1944 (AFP photo) gians commemorate the 50th anniversary

all over now," he said on Belgian Television, smiling at

the memory.
An October 1944 drawing by British newspaper cartoonist Carl Giles, a war correspondent for Express newspapers in northern Europe from 1943-45, depicts the companion of a soldier being hugged by girls saying: "Your missus would give you 'vive la Belgique' if she was to come

round the corner." The main feature of the poster advertising the celebrations in Brussels is of an embracing couple.

Jack Burgin, 78, who was a gun sergeant in the Royal Horse Artillery, was posted for the night on the steps of the Brussels Stock Exchange.

Antigua 'plans' to join U.N. Haiti force

PORT-OF-SPAIN (AFP) - Antigua said Saturday it

would join a Caribbean contingent in a multinational force in Haiti to support a possible U.S.-led invasion to oust the military leadership in Por-Au-Prince. A statement from Antigua's foreign ministry received in the Trinidad and Tobago capital said troops would join forces from four other Caribbean Community (Caricom) states in the non-combat mission. Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, Jamaica and Belize previously announced they would contribute to a multinational force that would help maintain order in Haiti after the restoration of exiled president Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Two other Caricom states - Guyana and the Bahamas - have said they were considering contributing forces to the contingent. The Antigua statement said its emphasis would be on peacekeeping and reconstruction in Haiti after the military junta is ousted. U.S. officials said last week that training was beginning in Puerto Rico for an invasion authorised by the U.N. Security Council to restore democratic rule in-

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Battle for nuclear soul

WHEN EGYPTIAN Foreign Minister Amr Musa proposed to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin during his visit last week to Israel to make the Middle East a nuclear free zone, by signing and ratifying the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), Mr. Rabin's response went beyond all expectations. In fact, what Mr. Rabin did not say was more significant, and more ominous, than what he told the Egyptian minister.

True, it is a long-standing Israeli policy not to adhere to the NPT for a variety of reasons. But what marks a dangerous departure from the previous Israeli position on nuclear weapons is the refusal of the Israeli government to reiterate an equally long-standing pledge that "Israel will not be the first to introduce nuclear weapons to the Middle East." Both Mr. Rabin and his foreign minister, Shimon Peres, also linked Israeli arms control policies to the stances of the entire region comprising not only the Arab

countries but also Iran and perhaps Pakistan. This change for the worse by Israel, at a time when the multilateral talks on disarmament are considered the cornerstone of the whole peace process, appears to be a prelude to an Israeli admission of an open secret that it has nuclear bombs. With dangers of mass destruction weapons looming large on the horizon, there is every reason to fear that the entire peace effort stands to be undermined. The Egyptian foreign minister had in mind to commit his government to the Chemical Warfare Convention Treaty (CWC) in return for an Israeli ratification of the NPT. This quid pro quo proposal was obviously turned down by Israel as more and more signs point to the unequivocal Israeli position to develop and possess nuclear bombs no matter what the Arab side offers in return.

Linking the Israeli overall posture on mass destruction weapons to the positions of all the countries in the region, including states that are situated on the fringes of the region, makes it loud and clear that Israel is committed to stay nuclear at all times. Even when Libya, Iran and Iraq are effectively included in any regional disarmament formula, Israel would surely try to find additional excuses to stay away from the NPT ciub.

The Israeli rationale would pose a challenge to the Arab states in the area, whether to continue to abide by the NPT and the CWC treaties on long-term bases or do what is necessary in the light of the proliferation of mass destruction arsenals in the region, including the renouncing of these commitments. We think the multilateral talks on disarmament in the Middle East need to look afresh on this issue with a view to consolidating the peace process on bases that would ensure the safety and security of all the states in the region without any one of them feeling the need to develop or buy its own mass destruction

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

AL RA'I daily Sunday criticised the U.N.-sponsored world population conference opening in Cairo Monday, saying that the Western orchestrated conference gives economic growth priority over the human rights. Opponents to the conference rightly believe that humans are more worthy than material things and that life is a divine gift that should not be treated lightly, said the paper. Though the opponents hear the responsibility for not presenting alternative ideas aimed at curtailing population growth and saving the, Third World from further difficulties, one cannot accept the ideas of the U.S.-led Western nations, which are being imposed on the poorer nations of the world, it added. The roll, the the population crisis in the South are coming its a countries in the Florth, which have been explaining the world's natural resources, said the paper. The worst thing about the conference is that the countries of the Third World are threatened of losing economic assistance should they refuse to comply with the conference's resolutions. which means, said the paper, that the United States and other Western powers are trying to shirk their responsibilities of backing Third World nations drive towards achieving socio-economic development.

LANA MAMKEGH, a columnist in Al Ra'i daily, criticised poor families who have up to 10 children and expect the government to find solutions for their problems. Citing the example of a taxi driver whose salary is JD 100 and define it. the mation because they only think of their own to indefine and a pect the community in which they live and the government to find solutions for their problems. Noting that such families never plan ahead, the writer said that the government has its own plans and cannot allow matters to get out of hand by confusing its programmes for the sake of satisfying the selfish desires of individuals who have no regard for their country and countrymen.

Washington Watch

By Dr. James Zogby

Al Gore: Reinventing the vice presidency

U.S. VICE PRESIDENT Al Gore's trip to Cairo to attend the World Population Conference casts an international light on his increasingly important role in the Clinton administra-

Due to a serious leg in-jury (which has the vice president walking on crutches and his entire leg in a cast), Mr. Gore's trip has been severely scaled back. The trip was to have been one of the most extensive and far-reaching fore-ign trips by a U.S. vice president. It would have taken him to Cairo, Berlin, then to Israel, Jericho, Jordan and possibly also to Saudi Arabia. The multiple venues of the proposed trip would have provided the vice president with important opportunities to advance a number of key U.S. foreign policy objectives.
In Berlin, Mr. Gore was

to have been present at the final departure of U.S. troops from that nowunified city. The Israel, Jericho and Jordan visits were to have focused on continued U.S. support for the peace process. In Jericho, the vice president was to have announced the first U.S. private sector investment projects in the West Bank and Gaza. These nine projects are anticipated to bring over \$230 million in direct investment and to create over 5,000 new jobs. They were facilitated by Builders for Peace (BFP), a U.S. private sector initiative. Mr. Gore himself, with the support and encouragement of President Bill Clinton, was instrumental in the process of launching BFP, an Arab-American-Jewish-American cooperative effort designed to bring tangible benefits of peace to the Palestinian people. While doctors had

advised the vice president against making the trip at all (due to the severity of his injury), Mr. Gore's commitment to the confer-ence and his personal commitment to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to visit Cairo resulted in the more low. A White House spokesperson said that the vice president is extremely disappointed that the remainder of the trip has been postponed. Mr. Gore is tenatively set to announce the BFP projects for the West Bank and Gaza before his return from Cairo.

At the population conference, Mr. Gore will continue to work towards an international compromise and consensus on key issues. He will also emphasise the U.S. administration's belief that it is not only possible but essential for political leadership to build ties and develop partnerships with religious leadership world-wide that will enable them to work together towards common goals. Mr. Gore's own per-sonal commitment to dialogue with Islam and his deep respect for Islam has been made clear in the past. In June of this year, Mr. Gore spoke at the Islamic Centre Mosque in Washington, DC. The vice president was the first administration eader to visit the mosque since President Eisenhower visited in 1957. In his re-

marks, Mr. Gore said: "We are neighbours. Literally. My house is only few minutes' walk from this stunningly beautiful mosque. The wonderful thing about neighbourhoods is that — when people live next to each other, have meals together, root for each other's children on the neighbourhood soccer field - differences melt away, and the common concerns and common ties of life bind us together.

"....As we begin this new year, I offer my hope for people in this country and for people around the world. It is the hope for peace,... a word which is derived from the same root as Islam itself. It is the message preached by all the great religions of the world. It is a message no one can ignore, whether on a hillside outside Sarajevo, a street in Gaza — or in a Washington neighbour-

Despite the severe scaling back of the trip, what is



Al Gore: A different kind of a vice president

clear is that Mr. Gore's far-reaching involvement in foreign affairs and domestic affairs makes his vice presidency unique and worth examining.

U.S. vice presidents traditionally play a silent partner role under the presidents they serve. They are usually chosen for reasons of electoral politics. Presidential candidates typically select a vice president running mate who will add ideological diversity to their campaign. So it was that the oung eastern liberal John Kennedy selected the older and more conservative Texan Lyndon Johnson, or that conservative California Ronald Reagan chose a more moderate Texan (albeit with Eastern roots) like George Bush. The major criteria used in the nor-mal vice presidential selec-tion process is finding a person who will bring new constituencies and electoral

votes to a presidential campaign.
Once elected, vice presidents are rarely given a very visible role and virtually never a leading policy role. They perform ceremonial functions, attend state funerals and raise money. On occasion vice presidents' have been called upon to attack the president. enemies or defend his policies - that is, they give speeches that their presidents would prefer not to

give themselves. In every instance, Mr. Gore has been a different kind of vice president. From the day of his selec-tion by Bill Clinton, the political analysts were startled by the radically different path laid out for the vice president by then-Democratic candidate Clinton. The young moderate southern governor Clinton chose the moderate and equally young southern Senator Al Gore.

Mr. Gore was considered to be strong on national security and defence issues, a committed environmentalist, and a devoted family man. These were the very issues that defined the "New Democrat" (i.e., not the traditional "liberal Democrat") campaign that had brought Mr. Clinton to victory in the Democratic primary. Since these were also the issues on which the Republicans were set to attack Mr. Clinton, some analysts saw that the selection of Al Gore not only added to the Democratic ticket but also reinforced Mr. Clinton's commitment

as a "New Democrat." But the conventional political wisdom was that the selection of Mr. Gore, while intriguing, was not politically smart because it didn't meet the traditional criteria. The analysts were

proven wrong. Mr. Clinton and Mr. Gore and their wives campaigned together as a team and projected a positive image of compatible and dynamic youthful crusaders. It seems clear that a genuine friendship has developed between the two men and their wives. They translated their youth and their partnership into the winning theme of a new generation inspiring hope for change.

With their election in November 1992, the political analysts suggested once again that Clinton would behave traditionally. They believed that he would feel threatened by his vice president, and would therefore reduce his role from full partner in the campaign to

the traditional junior partner role of vice president. And once again, the analysts were proven wrong. In many ways Mr. Clinton and Mr. Gore have continued to function as a governing team. And in-creasingly Mr. Gore has been given high-profile assignments by the president, which have further enhanced his role in the administration.

There is, as one White House aide describes it, "an intense working partnership between the president and the vice president." It is the access Mr. Gore has to Mr. Clinton and the president's respect for his vice president that enables Mr. Gore to play the role that he does. They meet regularly, and Mr. Gore and his participate in the daily White House national security briefings.

Other Democratic Party leaders note that the credit for Mr. Gore's high-profile role belongs to Bill Clinton. Former Senator Gary Hart, for example, notes "Al Gore is a star in this administration in virtually everything he's involved in. I think a great deal of credit for the authority he has goes to the president... I think most presidents, for reasons of their own insecurity, do not want a true operating vice president. I think it's a tribute to Mr. Clinton that he is not concerned about that." Richard Moe, a former

aide to then-vice president Walter Mondale, has observed that Mr. Gore "has clearly developed a relationship with the presi-dent that has allowed him to be involved in every major decision making process." And Mr. Moe believes that the selection of Mr. Gore was "a reinforcement of what Clinton was all about... So they are in sync, they really understand each other. They can relate to each other well."

As a result of the positive relationship and the fact that Mr. Clinton is comfortable with Mr. Gore playing a major and visible role, Mr. Gore has been assigned to work on a number of key administration priorities.

Early on in his administration, Bill Clinton got embroiled in an intense controversy over his support for the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). But what made this controversy more dangerous for the White House than many others was the involvement of Ross Perot in the campaign against the agreement. Mr. Perot tried to mobilise his political forces (which, it must be remembered, gave Mr. Perot nearly 20 million votes in 1992) against NAF-TA, and bought extensive television advertising time to take his anti-NAFTA message directly to the American people. The administration realised they

had to counter Mr. Perot's

message quickly and effec-

Al Gore volunteered to debate Mr. Perot on NAF-TA on national television. Initially, White House strategists were hesitant to put Mr. Gore on stage with Mr. Perot out of fear that Mr. Perot's folksy style and sharp tongue would put the vice president at a disadvantage (even Mr. Gore is well-known for telling jokes about his "stiff" public persona). But with Mr. Perot gaining ground, Mr. Gore was given the task of taking on Mr. Perot in a one-on-one debate — and the move was stunningly successful. Political analysts felt that Mr. Gore could win the debate even while losing because the expecta-tions for his performance were so low, but in fact nearly all analysts agreed that Mr. Gore outperformed Mr. Perot and easily won the debate. And, of course, Congress did eventually ratify NAFTA. Another of Mr. Gore's high-profile assignments

was a project known as the National Performance Review (NPR). The impetus behind the initiative — eliminating waste in the federal government and cutting out inefficiencies — was not new; but cutting the size of tionally Republican issue, and so the effort became a part of the effort to enhance the administration's "New Democrat" image. But Mr. Gore's effort went beyond simply identifying and eliminating waste. It focused on improving the coordina-tion between the federal government with local and state governments, and allowing local and state governments the flexibility to tailor programmes to the needs of their citizens rather than to federal reg-ulations. As a report on the NPR concludes, its "recommendations are not just about cutting wasteful spending, they are also about creating a government that works better."

Yet another of Mr. Gore's responsibilities is to oversee the administration formation Superhighway, more commonly known as the Internet — an informal network of academic, military and commercial networks which now spans the globe. The small part of that task for Mr. Gore has been overseeing the administration's entry onto that "superhighway," and White House speeches and documents as well as documents from many federal agencies are now available on the Internet. But his primary responsibility is encouraging increased cooperation between the groups that form the Internet and developing standards both domestically and abroad for handling the exponential growth that the Internet has been and will continue to experience. The administration's overall policy goal in this area is to increase the ease of international communication and facilitate international trade.

Mr. Gore has also been assigned by the president to co-chair, with the Russian prime minister, the U.S.-Russian bilateral commission that oversee interagency cooperation between the two countries. The commission has been a channel for significant discussion on issues of common concern such as the exploration of space, the environment, trade and nuclear disarmament.

In many ways, a byproduct of the Clinton-Gore relationship is the very reinventing of the role of the vice president in gov-ernment. As a result of the significant role Mr. Gore is playing in the Clinton administration, the selection of future vice presidential nominees will be more carefully scrutinised and future vice president will be expected to play equally sub-stantial roles in their admimistrations.

As for Mr. Gore himself, a great deal more can be expected. He is, of course, committed to the reelection of Bill Clinton in 1996. But 14 past vice presidents have ultimately been elected president, and Mr. Gore clearly has the ambition to become the 15th.

Human Rights File By Waleed Sadi

Depoliticising human rights efforts

WE ALL recognise that the United Nations Human Rights system is doing "something" about human rights as evidenced by the several human rights instruments that were articulated and adopted by it and the efforts of the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to promote and protect human rights across the world. Yet a closer look at the work of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, the main U.N. organ on human rights and the activities of its subsidiary organ, the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, would reveal that there is still a great to be desired in the performances of the human rights system of the U.N. The first major hurdle facing the U.N.'s efforts in these domains is the composition of the central bodies that adopt the international standards on human rights and supervise the adherence of the international community to them.

It is a sad fact of life that the memberships of both the commission and its auxilliary body, the sub-commission, suggest that the pursuit of human rights issues cannot be objective or neutral but rather subjective and highly politicised. In the process, the conduct of the U.N. in human rights subjects becomes necessarily compromised and lacking the kind of credibility that most of us would normally insist on. A fast glance at the make up of these two major human rights bodies would reveal that the human rights record of some of the member states, are not of the kind that would qualify them to be the human rights standard-setting countries or the credible and the neutral "judges" of state behaviour in human rights matters.

Judging by my own personal experience, several governments seek membership in such bodies not necessarily out of concern for human rights but rather to have a platform to defend their own human rights record or to launch attacks on their political enemies. No wonder competition for membership in these bodies is so fierce.

The problem is less accute with regard to treaty bodies such as the Human Rights Committee on Civil and Political Rights or the Committee on Racial Discrimination. Here, only states which have ratified the pertinent human rights convention are qualified for membership. Since they are treaty obligated to respect and observe the relevant human rights instrument, they are by and large more mindful of the need to adhere to its provisions. This must not give false illusions about the extent of any such adherence, since many of the human rights "exports" from state parties continue to interpret the articles of their conventions in a manner that satisfies the peculiar national interests and perspectives of their countries.

To me, this membership problem related mainly to the U.N. human rights bodies and partially to human rights treaty bodies is the central issue that continues to weaken the interest because him to be a support of the continues to weaken the interest is the central issue that continues to weaken the interest is the continues to weaken the interest is the continues to weaken in the interest is the continues to weaken the interest is the continues to weaken the interest is the continues to weak in the continues to weak the international human rights system and undermine its credibility and viability. Something drastic needs to be done to rectify that major shortcoming before much can be expected from the international efforts to promote and protect human rights worldwide. Without this, the international tional human rights efforts would remain suspect and lacking. Imagine that judges of courts of law are elected on the same current basis on which memberships in U.N. human rights organs or treaty bodies are conducted. This is

the real crisis facing human rights globally and regionally.

To be sure there are many state memberships in U.N. human rights and expert memberships in treaty bodies which are beyond reproach. I personally would give the highest marks to Scandinavian countries whose memberships whether in U.N. organs or treaty bodies are indeed credible and objective to the maximum possible extent. The other Western countries memberships are close second. Latin American, Africa and Asia, follow suit in the order of objectivity and neutrality. A thorough review of existing methods for manning human rights bodies is therefore urgently called for in order to succeed in elevating human rights endeavours to the level that most of us would wish them to attain.

Obviously there is no ideal way to obtain the desired goal. Since the United Nations itself is by nature a highly politicised organisation, it stands to reason that its organs remain essentially politicised. There are existing efforts to depoliticise human rights endeavours, but little progress has been achieved so far. If and when the U.N. creates a U.N. Human Rights Court, as repeatedly proposed, it may then be possible to have at least one central international human rights body which is as neutral and objective as the International Court of Justice. Yet before this aspiration can be realised, the U.N. member states themselves must decide to make their international organisation's human rights pursuits a bit more fair and just.

LETTERS

Library out of reach

To the Editor:

AS a frequent visitor to the American Library at the time when its location was at the Third Circle, I would like to remind all those who think that the library staff are supposed to be American nationals that they are mistaken because it was not always a nice experience to approach Americans for tasks that are extremely well done by Jordanian, nationals.

Reference to E. Yaghi's article (Jordan Times, Aug. 25-26). Borrowing a book or asking about a periodical doesn't necessarily require a master degree in phonetics or dialects! And not every American who used to work at the

I also feel obliged to criticise the American Embassy for relocating the library, which was at the Third Circle. Not all Jordanians have private cars, and most of eastern Amman residents are no longer able to pay a short working visit to the library because its location is not always easy to reach. I hope I may one day buy a car so that I may have another chance to see what the library looks like!

Khader Al Atrash,

Criticism called for

I AM writing in support of E. Yaghi's article (Jordan Times Aug. 25-26). I have read her articles over the years and have always enjoyed them. I especially was in support of her article regarding the U.S. embassy. I have been to the American Embassy several times and can associate very closely with what E. Yaghi was saying. I hope that the non-appearance of her Thursday column was not due to what she wrote. It would be tragic if it were. For we all feel that we have some sort of freedom of press. I would like to believe that this was not due to her article.

Minnie Ipek,

Editor's note: The non-appearance of E. Yaghi's article last Thursday had nothing to do with her Aug. 25 article. Ms. Yaghi's weekly columns which had lasted more than any other int he paper's history, would hopefully reappear in the future. The Jordan Times also likes to remind its readers that letters cannot be published unless they have the full name(s) and address(es) of the writer(s). Names can be withheld upon request and under special circumstances. Letters are subject to editing for reasons of space or clarity. The newspaper will not return letters that are not published.

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A brutal minority could be destroying Nigeria

By Wole Soyinka

LONDON — There was once a thriving habitation of some half a million people in southeastern Nigeria, the land of the Ogoni. It is an oil-producing area that suffered much ecological damage. That damage has received world publicity largely due to the efforts of a passionate writer called Ken Saro-Wiwa, himself an

A leader of the Movement for the Salvation of the Ogoni People, he exposed the plight of Ogoni to the U.N. Minorities Council, calling for the recognition of the Ogoni people as one of the world's endangered minorities. He agitated for compensation for damaged crops, pol-luted fishing ponds and the general destruction of what was once an organic economic existence of his people.

That was some two or three years ago. Now Ken Saro-Wiwa is held in chains in a hidden prison, incom-municado. He is seriously ill with a heart condition and is totally at the mercy of a gloating sadist, a selfavowed killer and torturer of the military species, specially selected for the "pacification" of Ogoniland.

Mr. Saro-Wiwa's people have taken to the forests and mangrove swamps to survive. Those who remain in townships and villages are subjected to displacement, expropriation of their property, violence and rape. Ogoniland has been dedared a "military zone."

One ongoing actuality of repression very easily obscures another, it is a pattern that dictatorship exploit most effectively. For the majority of Nigerians, Ogoni is only some localised problem, remote from the immediate, overall mission of rooting out the military from Nigerian politics, rescuing the nation's wealth from its incontinent hands and terminating its routine murders of innocent citizens on the streets of more visible centres of

opposition. The massacres in Ogoniland are hidden, illreported. Those that obtain the just publicity of horror are those that are attributed

to the Ogoni leadership. The accounts of such events, and careful investigations, lead to more than mere suspicion of dirty tricks to incite ethnic animosity and then bloodletting between the Ogoni and their neighbours. The ambush of a passen-

ger boat whose occupants were machine-gunned to death bore all the professional sophistication of a military operation, while the massacre of four Ogoni leaders by supposed Ogoni militant youths has raised serious questions about the identity of the instigators. It serves the purposes of General Sani Abacha's government, however, to portray the Ogoni leadership as a bloodthirsty lot. It justifies the saturation of Ogoniland with military killer the despot general. The agony of the Ogoni augurs a far more thorough subjugation for other parts of Nigeria, also in the south. Ogoniland is, alas, only

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first Nigerian experiment with "ethnic cleansing," au-

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the model space for the actualisation of a long dreamt-of totalitarian onslaught on the more politically sophisticated sec-tions of the Nigerian polity. which have dared expose the power obsession of a minuscule but obdurate military-civilian hegemony.

The Ogoni people are, alas, only the guinea pigs for a morbid resolution of this smoldering inequity that was instituted by the British. The beneficiaries remain, till today, a minority made up of a fuedal oligarchy and their pampered, indolent and unproductive scions.

The myth of uncritical political solidarity in the north was not only recently exploded. Its falsity had been made manifest in earlier elections — 1979 and 1983 especially. But these were so blatantly rigged that the positive signals were drowned in the hue and cry that followed. So in a sense it was not until the elections of June 12, 1993, universally acclaimed a model of fairness, that the collapse of that fiction became irrefutable.

The pattern of voting also made it abundantly clear that the so-called gulf be-tween the north and the south was an invention and that there was a line of division in the north — between the workers, peasants, civil servants, petty traders, students and unemployed on the one hand, and the parasitic elite and feudal scions on the other.

After a few noises of realism and surrender to a popular, democratic wili the reprobates of the old order recovered their breath and recollected their interests. The latest instrument of their feudal, despouc will is General Adach

The media and public debate — at bars, bus stops, the markets, the motor garages, staff and student clubs, government offices - have resulted in much questioning of the assumption that the nation is a single entity. On June 23 1993, the day of the annulment of the national presidential election, the military committed the most treasonable act of larceny of all time: It violently robbed the Nigerian people of

their nationhood. We may be witnessing, alas, the end of Nigerian history.

The writer a Nigerian novelist who received the 1986 Nobel Prize in Literature, is chairman of the African Democratic League, a Lagos-based human rights group. A longer version of this commentary appeared in The New York Times.

Cairo conference starts today

(Continued from page 1) but one delegate who de-

clined to be named said it The original draft of the conference's programme of action has angered Catholics

and conservative Muslims who say it violates religious morals by promoting easy abortion, sexual promiscuity, homosexuality and under-mining parental authority.

Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Leba-non and Sudan are boycot-

Islamists across the Middle East portrayed the meeting as an intricately orchestrated Western conspiracy. Egypt's most active militant group, the Gama'a Al Islamiya (Islamic group), has warned participants not to attend at the tisk of their lives.

Ms. Sadik said the document emphasised empowermg women as a successful part of family planning and development. It calls for eliminating discrimination of — a line that upset many strict Islamic countries. She said the controversial

parts on sexual education of adolescents, which was re-jected by the Vatican and Islamists, would probably be modified.

In the end the question of education and whether they

education will be accepted. It is a question of terminology. Terms might have different meanings or interpreta-tions in different countries. The concept might be accepted but how it will be presented will be determined by some linguistic experts." she added.

The conference, the first of its kind since a meeting in Mexico City in 1984, aims to reach consensus on a 20-year programme to hold world population to 7.27 billion in 2015 and 7.8 billion in 2050 compared with 5.66 billion

this June. The Egyptian capital, a Third World metropolis suffering from its own population explosion, began receiving 15,000 delegates, including U.S. Vice-President Al

Al Gore was accompanied by his conservatively-dressed wife Tipper who apparently followed a U.S. advisory that women should avoid bare shoulders in a country where Muslim fundamentalism is on the rise. She stood in the scorching sun next to Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Musa's wife who wore a

short-sleeved dress. "A successful work has already gone into the confer-



The misery lingers on

Rwandan refugees settle into new camp

By Thalia Griffiths Reuter

GOMA, Zaire -- Rwandan refugees in eastern Zaire began settling into a new camp north of Goma on Saturday despite Zairean hopes that they will return home soon.

Truckloads of refugees arriving at Kahindo from the biggest camp, Kibumba, are registered, given a health check, then taken on into the camp to be allotted 10 square metres per family of roughly cleared scrub and rock to build their new

Kibumba, it's calmer. There were a lot of bandits down there," said community leader Godefroid

Ruhengamanzi. "But our biggest worry here is not having enough plastic sheeting. We need shelter from the sun and the rain.

The terrain at Kahindo. about 40 km north of Goma, is no more hospitable than anywhere else in the region. Refugees construct shelters of branches, straw and plastic sheeting as best they can on the hard, black volcanic rock.

Zaire's Justice Minister -Kamanda Wa Kamanda said on Thursday it was Zaire's wish that the refugees should return home by the end of the month.

"It's nicer here than The Hutu refugees say they would like to go home too, but only once they can be sure they do not face reprisals from the Tutsi-led

Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF) for massacres of Tutsis and moderate Hutus after the assassination of Hutu President Juvenal Habyarimana on April 6.

The United Nations, trying to reassure panicstricken refugees who heard radio reports of Kamanda's speech, emphasises all repatriation must be absolutely voluntary.

Mr. Ruhengamanzi listened wide-eyed to a reporter's description of farmers in the fields and produce in the markets seen on a trip into northern Rwanda on Friday, far from the tales of an abandoned country populated only by bloodthirsty Tutsis which circulate among the refugees.

of is that the RPF will kill us," he said finally. "I think we'll be here for

some time yet," said Vin-

cent Liziniırabake, a photographer from Kigali. Families allotted their space put down bundles of cooking pots, water containers and sleeping mats and immediately set to

work clearing brush and

lighting a fire. "The site is not ideal but it's a much better atmosphere than in Kubumba. where things are very tense," said one Red Cross worker.

The vast, chaotic sprawl of Kibumba camp, which houses up to 350,000 refugees, conntrasts sharply

with the tranquil surrounding landscape of volcanic hills and tropical forest. There are daily reports of

lynchings in the camps by Hutu vigilantes attacking anyone suspected of wanting to return to Rwanda. They accuse those thinking of leaving of taking sides with the RPF, which won the civil war and has formed the new govern-

ment in Kigali. The move to Kahindo began on Thursday. The U.N. says about 1,700 people moved on each of the first two days to the new site, which has space for up to 60,000 refugees with medical facilities and water sup-

So far only 20 communes

prepared to move but they hope others will join once the operation gets under

The existing camps in Goma sprung up when a million people flooded across the border in three days in July, fleeing from advancing RPF forces.
The lakeside town of

200,000 people has been completely swamped by the influx and Kamanda said or Thursday one Zairean had died of disease for every 10

Rwandans.

of Kigali have said they are

Improving condition for the refugees is all the more urgent with the rainy season due to start in earnest in the next few days, turning the camps into seas of mud and bringing a resurgence of

Nuclear experts to tackle industry's image problem

By Douglas Hamilton Reuter

VIENNA — Nuclear energy experts gather in Vienna this week to discuss the future of an industry whose dark side is never far from the headlines and whose benefits are often taken for

granted. A brief but predictable flurry of alarm over a fire at a nuclear plant in Russia last week was just the latest, small cloud on the horizon of what advocates insist is a safe, reliable source of cheap, clean

The spectre of the spread of nuclear weapons, careless dumping of almost everlasting toxic waste, an underground trade in radioactive fuel and above all the lingering fear of "another Chernobyl" are among the perceived drawbacks dogging this 20th century industry.

The four-day conference on "The Nuclear Power Option," organised by the 120-member International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), will focus on how to further improve safety. increase public acceptance and boost economic performance.

The IAEA was set up by the United Nations in 1957 to promote and oversee the industry and curb the spread of the bomb. About 200 experts from 40 countries are attending the Vienna conference.

Nuclear power, born with a big bang just 40 years ago, produces 17 per cent of the world's electricity. In 10 years, this is expected to rise to up to 20

In 1993, 430 nuclear

Reactors cost 25 to 50 per cent more to build than traditional coal - or oilfired plants but can operate up to 40 per cent more cheaply, without sulphur dioxide emissions.

plants were operating worldwide and 55 were under construction in 32 coun-But stark contrasts remain. energy.

France meets 78 per cent of its power needs from the atom. Austria, host to the IAEA, has forsworn nuclear energy altogether on environmental and safety grounds and intercedes vigorously with neighbours planning reactors near its

IAEA Director-General Hans Blix, in a speech in June, said the nuclear industry's main challenge now that the cold war was over was to improve economic performance and safe-

"Our think-tanks are no longer concentrating on how best to maintain the prospect of a mutuallyassured destruction .. They can now focus on how to develop our economic, social, political and cultural systems," Mr. Blix said.

In regions where electricity needs are expected to grow quickly, such as Eastern Europe and Southeast Asia, the nuclear option is attractive, Indonesia and Thailand

are close to opting for ato-

mic power. China plans to

expand its modest nuclear

Critics long derived their most effective arguments from memories of the terrific blasts and lethal radiation that began the nuclear age with the U.S. atomic bombing of Japan at the end of World War II.

Experts concede that the industry is only just emerging from a period of stagna tion, brought on by the catastrophic explosion and fire at Ukraine's Chemobyl plant in 1986, the world's worst civilian nuclear disas-

Most west European states froze their nuclear programmes after Chernobyl and many Asian countries on the verge of building their first reactor postponed it.

"Any accident anywhere would have a very strong negative effect on public acceptance of nuclear power. We saw that with Chernobyl," said the IAEA's Leonard Bennett.

IAEA spokesman Hans Meyer said this week's Vienna conference, in keeping with previous meetings held roughly every 10 years, was not expected to produce dramatic decisions.

The emotive atmosphere enveloping nuclear energy was underlined on the eve of the gathering, in an allegation by the environmental organisation Greenpeace that the IAEA was preparing to approve transportation of plutonium by

"The IAEA is about to bring plutonium to an airport near you," it said in a statement. "This is a nightmare concocted by those who produced Hiroshima and Chernohyl.

Japan's socialists accept premier's pragmatic platform

Reuter

TOKYO — Japanese Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama won a big victory this week when his Socialist Party voted to sweep away decades of outdated left-wing policies in favour of a pragmatic prog-

The party's approval for a sharp right turn in the Socialist platform means Mr. Murayama faces no immediate threats to his twomonth-old tenure as pre-"I will strive to make this

administration a fullfledged stable government, not merely a transitional coalition." Mr. Murayama told his party. Nearly two-thirds of 384 delegates to the Socialist convention approved Mr. Murayama's call to discard the party's pacifist positions

on defence and national-

ism, including opposition to

the country's national anthem and flag, armed forces and security treaty with the United States. Mr. Murayama strongly defended as being in the national interest the Socialists' coalition last June with their historic foe, the long-

ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). He said the tactic, which put a Socialist in the premier's office for the first time in over four decades. restored stability and international credibility to

Japan's topsy-turvy politics. The mood at the convention was one of resigned acceptance that their party of protest must change mixed with anger at the Socialists' giving up their role as Japan's conscience.



Tomiichi Murayama

"Those who can't fully understand the Socialist Party's new policy developments say the party has lost its reason to exist," said Mr. Murayama. "But that

will never happen." Mr. Murayama received a taste of grassroots opposition when on arrival at the convention he was confronted by about 200 peace and environmental activists, beating drums and carrying placards saying: 'Don't sell out the party."

Even before the pragmatic platform was approved, Shizuo Wada, a left-leaning former party vicechairman, quit the party in protest at the changes. Mr. Murayama tried to

assuage opponents by

assuring them that party's aims remained the same. He credited the party's platform with blocking past conservative

governments' ambitious rearmament aims. "But with the collapse of the cold war framework. the era in which ideological disputes controlled the

world has ended," said Mr. Мигачата. The premier argued that the Socialists' new role is to

turn the party's pacifist

on issues such as disarmament and trimming defence

Although Mr. Murayama prevailed at the convention and looks set to stay in office well into next year, serious questions remain over whether his Socialists can maintain enough over support to remain a viable political force.

"By recognising the selfdefence forces and the Japan-U.S. security treaty. the Socialists have thrown away their ideals and their identity," said Cosay Tsubota, a Buddhist monk.

Even among Mr.

Murayama's supporters there is scepticism that the Socialists can maintain a separate identity while working with the longruling conservative LDP. "The coalition with the LDP is a plot to defraud citizens," said Toshihisa Shibusawa, a right-leaning

who resigned from the party this week. A first test of the Socialist-LDP alliance will come at a bye-election in Aichi prefecture on Sept. 11 in which a ruling coalition-backed candidate squares off against a candi-

former senior party official

date fielded by the opposi-Akira Yamagishi, chairman of Rengo, an umbrella group of Japan's largest labour unions, expressed full support for the revised policy platform but re-

mained cold towards the coalition. "Rengo will continue to fight the LDP," he warned, noting that his union, traditionally a Socialist suppor-

ter, is neutral in the Aichi

Economies of OAPEC states grow 2.6% in '93 despite lower oil income

ABU DHABI (AFP) — The economy of key Arab oil producing countries grew by 2.6 per cent in 1993 despite lower oil earnings and poor performance in embargo-hit Iraq, according to an official Arab report.

The combined gross domestic product (GDP) of the 10-nation Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) stood at \$402 billion in real terms in 1993 compared with \$392 billion in 1992, OAPEC said in its annual 1993 report. obtained here Sunday.

In the past five years, the real GDP averaged 2.2 per cent annually, slower than the population growth, the report said, adding this led to a deterioration in the per capita income in some members states.

Excluding Iraq, the GDP of the remaining members grew by as fast as 4.9 per cent in 1993, which is considered high in international stan-

This improvement, which ly 1980s, is due to the success of economic reforms in member states and policies aimed at offsetting the adverse effects of the world oil market on their economies, rationalising expenditure and diversifying income sources,

A graphic breakdown showed the GDP of Saudi Arabia, the world's leading oil exporter and producer, accounted for nearly one third of the total GDP of OAPEC states, standing at around \$130 billion.

Algeria's was estimated at \$80 billion, Egypt's at \$75 billion, Kuwait's at \$18 billion, Libya's at \$25 billion and the United Arab Emirates' at \$35 billion.

Iraq's GDP was below \$20 billion, a fraction of its level before the United Nations punished it with sweeping sanctions for its 1990 invasion

The remaining members are Bahrain, Syria, and Qatar. Tunisia was included in the breakdown although its membership was frozen at its own request five years ago because of financial difficul-

Most Arab states have launched reforms to tackle their economic problems, mainly accumulating debt, unemployment and inflation, low exports and investment.

Such problems worsened in the second half of 1980s. when a decline in crude prices forced Gulf oil producers to slash aid to poor mem-

"There is no doubt that a continuation in the reform programmes will provide a firm base for a better economic performance in the comresources of member states and their growing capability to cushion the impact of oil price shocks," the Kuwaitibased OAPEC said.

The report showed the organisation's oil revenues dropped by 4.4 per cent to \$92 billion from around \$96 billion in 1992. It attributed the decline to a 10 per cent fall in oil prices to \$16.33 from \$18.44.

Kuwait was the only exception, with its earnings jump-ing by 53 per cent to around \$10 billion due to the rehabilitation of its energy sector badly damaged by the Iraqi invasion.

A breakdown showed Saudi Arabia's income stood at \$44 billion while the UAE's was estimated at \$14 billion, Libya's at \$10 billion and Algeria's at \$13 billion. Iraq's earnings were estimated at less than \$2 billion compared with \$15 billion in

OAPEC produces nearly one fifth of the world's total crude output and its reserves exceed 60 per cent of the world's proven reserves of around one trillion barrels.

official in the commerce ministry, told a seminar

He said the export rate in

Mr. Goyal said Indian exports were outpriced by

tougher Asian rivals like Chi-"I am afraid India will be pushed out of the world market," he said, adding that despite all the economic reforms, old rules and regula-

ing in the way of an exportfriendly environment. India's share in the world market in 1993 was 0.4 per cent, a sharp fall from the two per cent in 1947 when the

country became indepen-

Europe split Italy government

economic union was un-

"If the ideas expressed in

the CDU's proposal were put

into practice, we would

evidently risk a break-up of

Europe, which would be

completely unacceptable,"

he told reporters at an econo-

mic conference in northern

A foreign ministry source

said that Italy fully under-

stood some countries were

worried about postponing

economic union, but that it

The CDU's proposal, con-

tained in a paper by its par-

liamentary leader Wolfgang

Schaeuble, said a hard core

consisting of Germany,

France, the Netherlands,

Belgium and Luxembourg

should be allowed to move

On Friday, German Fore-

ign Minister Klaus Kinkel

dismissed the calls and gov-

ernment spokesman Dieter

Vogel said Chancellor Kohl

had not formed a final opin-

Italy's Budget Minister

Giancarlo Pagliarini, also

taking part in the conference

in Cernobbio, said he

thought the CDU was right.

saying the same thing," he said. "Italy is like an airplane

that is falling and the (1995)

budget plan is our last para-

chute. If we don't use it, it

"If I were a German, I'd be

faster toward union.

did not justify segregation.

acceptable and divisive.

ROME (R) - Calls by Ger-Dr. Martino, a political many's Christian Democrats economics professor whose father signed for Italy in 1952 for a two-speed Europe that would shove Italy into second division, has split the governat the founding of a fledging European Union, said his country would not be relement as economists told the gated to second string. prime minister to take more

"Italy is not a B series control of state finances. country," he told Italian state radio. Dr. Martino added Foreign Minister Antonio Martino said the Christian that countries' public debt Democrats' (CDU) proposal should not be used as a that a hard core of five Euromeasuring stick of economic pean Union (EU) countries strength. with strong economies move "Belgium's deficit is worse faster towards political and

than Italy's," he said. Italy's public debt is estimated to be \$1.15 trillion.

Giorgio Napolitano, a member and former speaker of parliament's lower house said the government should consider the CDU's call a warning bell.

'It is a strong sign of alarm and a very strong call for the necessity of serious decisions to clean up public finance, he said.

The Italian government announced last month that it was hoping to present the budget to parliament by end September.

The budget aims to save \$33 billion in the next two years and is expected to include radical cuts in pensions and health spending.

At the Cernobbio conference, international and Italian economists criticised Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi for not doing enough to reign in public debt since he was sworn in four months

"Italy's government has been given a mandate by the people but it is dissipating it in the worst way possible, said American economist Rudiger Dornbusch who teaches at the Massachusetts

Institute of Technology.
"In the key sectors of the national economy where there should have been courageous and rapid decisions taken nothing has been done, absolutely nothing,'

Calls for a two-speed | Romania might privatise oil processing sector

BUCHAREST (R) -Romania's main oil refining company has said the oil processing sector might be shorlisted for privatisation under a government scheme aiming to put thousands of firms in private hands this year.

track. We believe our oil on the privatisation list," Emil Calota, deputy manag-Saholding Company for oil

ernment, under pressure to speed up privatisation, re-

Last month the government said it would approve in fitability criteria.

so they fully qualify as potential candidates for privatisation," Mr. Calota said.

is formed by 24 enterprises, which include 11 refineries, the Constanta port terminal and the network for petrochemicals distribution across Romania.

iect was currently under way to trim Romania's crude oil 18 million tonnes per year

from 34 million. "It is completely uneconoparaded by the (former) communist regime," Mr. Calota

The project would boost the refineries' operational performance and solve problems related to extended downtime, energy conservation and the local environ-

Under the privatisation scheme, which needs parliament's approval, Romanians will be able to get shares in exchange for pre-share vouchers and privatisation coupons, distributed to reflect the value of the former

assumptions of cheap energy

lion tonnes of crude oil in 1993. National Statistics Board (NSB) data show. In 1994, the Balkan conn-

tonnes. Rafirom sources said.

put, the ex-communist state. has signed concession deals with big Western oil firms for exploration of onshore fields.

Indian exporters air complaints fancies. "All reforms are only

BOMBAY (AFP) - India's expanding exports are set to run into rough weather because of rising inflation, poor infrastructure and official apathy, exporters here say. Exports in the fiscal year 1993-94 - the third year of India's sweeping economic reforms — totalled \$22.17 billion marginally above target and marking a 20.4 per cent rise over the previous

But Nityakrishna Goyal, chairman of the Federation of Indian Export Organisation (FIEO), said he was not sure if the 1994-95 exports would match last year's fi-"I am not very confident,"

he said in an interview. "I would be very happy if we manage to reach the previous Mr. Goyal mocked Indian

government claims of ushering in an exporter-friendly regime since launching a policy of economic liberalisation in July 1991. 'Nothing has changed." he

said. "We have to go through the same officials who interpret rules at their whims and

on paper. Nothing has filtered down. I have given up all hopes of our exports growing. This country is so big and you have this monster of bureaucracy still running wild, wanting only kick-

Mr. Goyal. whose FIEO groups leading exporters, said rising costs of raw materials, miles of red tape in New Delhi - where all major decisions are made - and poor infrastructure were strangling Indian exports.

"Our roads are in a terrible shape that we are not sure of goods reaching on time," Mr. Goyal rued. "Our ports are unable to handle all the traf-

"Our telephones are in a mess. We have armies of officials wanting their 'cuts' ... It is all so frustrating. Overseas customers are not dying for Indian goods. Many do not want to any business with

Mr. Goyal's views are widely shared by many exporters, who complain that the bureaucracy still behaves

like it did when New Dehli was governed by decades of closed-market, quasi-socialist economic regimes.

But most exporters who spoke to AFP requested

Mr. Goyal said Indian exports boomed in the last three years because the government devalued the rupee against the dollar. Since 1991, the rupee's value to the dollar has fallen from 17 rupees to 31.25 rupees.

This (devaluation) had offset the rise in costs, making Indian products competitive," Mr. Goyal said. "But the rupee has been stable for more than one year and costs are up along with inflation. Hitesh Jani, another ex-

porter, was equally hard-"The officials want us to keep running to them all the time," he said. "So they keep

everything secret. It is a We exporters are simply fed up of all this." An Indian official last week shared the exporters'

Teiinder Khanna, the top

attended by industrialists that his department was concerned about the slowdown in exports.

the first quarter of 1994-95 (April-June) was only 9.5 per cent. And while chemicals, plastics, pharmaceuticals and auto parts had done well, textiles, engineering goods and spices had fared poorly.

"The rules for exporters are still stiff," Mr. Khanna

tions still in force were com-

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President Meles Zenawi said Ethiopia's World Bankrecommended structural the only viable way to revive the economy devastated by years of civil war and Marxist dictatorship.

"It was imperative to implement the structural adjustment programme to uplift an economy bankrupted by years of civil war and wrong policies," Mr. Meles told a news conference in Addis

Marxist policies of deposed dictator Mengistu Haile Mariam bankrupted Ethiopia and destroyed agricultural shortages exacerbated by drought.

Ethiopia leader defends development programme

Liberal economic policies implemented by the transitional government since 1992 have helped to revive the economy, which registered 7.5 per cent growth in

Mr. Meles rejected allegations that the programme was

imposed upon Ethiopia by

the International Monetary Fund and World bank.

"We introduced the structural adjustment progit was the only viable programme to uplift the ailing economy," he added.

The independent Confederation of Ethiopian Trade Unions has criticised the programme saying it meant a "massive retrenchment" of

Mr. Meles also said the devaluation of the birr currency from 2.07 to five to the

U.S. dollar had encouraged peasant farmers to produce more cash crops, like coffee and oil seeds.

"Because of the devaluation, Ethiopia was able to earn more foreign currency from its export commodities which helps the country to implement its development programme," he said.

Mr. Meles said the annual inflation rate had been cut from 22 per cent during the past government to 10 per

will be the end," he told reporters at the conference in Cernobbio. the new

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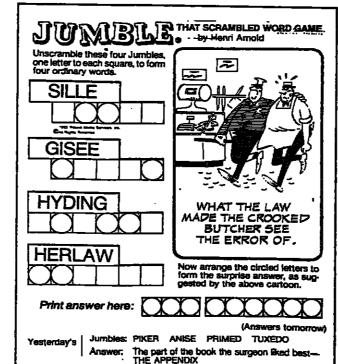








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The sector is on the right

processing units will be put ing director of the Rafirom refining and petrochemicals, told Reuters. Romania's minority gov-

cently announced plans to sell off some 3,000 state-run enterprises in a vouchers-forshares scheme.

September a list of privatisation candidates based on pro-"All units in the processing sector recorded a good economic performance in 1993.

State-owned Rafirom S.A.

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A 1992 oil and gas law allowed foreign investors in the oil sector five-year profit tax holiday and tax exemptions on oil and gas exports from Romania, as well as repatriation of profits from the sale of oil and gas found.

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FORECAST FOR MONDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 1994 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The New Moon in Virgo on Labour Day sextiles Jupiter and Mars providing good emotional and physical health as well as opportunities for material enterprises. It is ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Work on the new ideas you were

inspired with yesterday. Avoid arguments with others. Control your tongue and temper around your loved one. TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Get an early start on organising your work load and travel plans. Control your temper and gain the upper

hand with higher-ups in authority. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Talk over with someone how you can become more successful, and then follow their good advice. Be more understanding with your mate.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Try to please those you

want as allies in the future. Rectify mistakes quickly. Contact a good friend this evening. LEO: (June 22 to August 21) Get your important tasks done first. You can be with friends later. Don't be too stingy around your loved ones. Be tactful with your mate.

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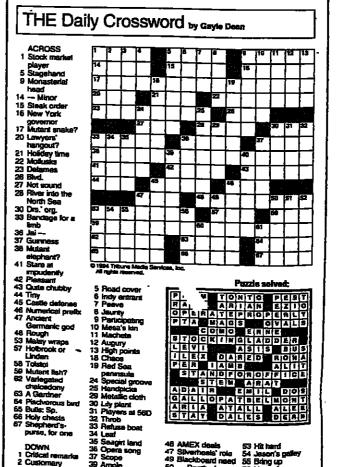
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risks which could prove costly. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Ignore temptation to go out and spend lavishly; it is best to be economical. Make any needed repairs now before they get costly.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Don't go off on any tangents; carry through with you plans. Be certain friends are loyal. Take no risks with your credit.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Stop worrying about things you can't do anything about. This is not the day to settle that problem with the one you love; think about it. PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Look to an older pal for the assistance you may need. Make sure you are not too demanding with your wishes. Be tactful.

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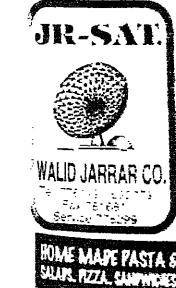
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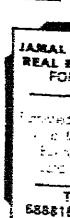
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Foreign Exchange Market Summary

(August 29 - September 2, 1994)

AMMAN — The dollar depreciated sharply against other major currencies at the end of last week. It ended 1.33 per cent lower against the yen, 1.25 per cent lower against the

The U.S. unit rose against the mark Monday, while

retreating against the yen and sterling. It gained ground against the mark after a report by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) sug-

gested that the Bundesbank can reduce German interest

rates further. On the other hand, continued concern over

the U.S.-Japan trade talks had a negative impact on the \$/Y

The dollar declined against the mark and yen Tuesday,

while rising against sterling. It retreated in anticipation of

the Bundesbank council meeting and the release of U.S.

employment report later in the week. The dollar also lost

ground against the mark after major French banks raised

their base rates from 7.70 per cent to 7.95 per cent, causing concern that: their action may influence official German and

The dollar rose against the mark and yen Wednesday, however, in view of the release of new U.S. economic

reports showing moderate business activity. Factory orders

showed a decline of 2.3 per cent in July, its first decline in

five months. In addition, leading economic indicators

remained constant in July, from to the previous month.

The dollar thus gained ground on decreased U.S. inflation-

ary expectations, in spite of continued concern over the results of the Bundesbank council meeting the next day.

The U.S. unit witnessed a relapse Thursday, however, in

The dollar continued its retreat against other major

view of a report showing a rise in U.S. manufacturing

currencies Friday, especially against the mark. The drop came on the back of a decline in U.S. bond prices, which

fell in spite of the release of the U.S. employment report

showing a lower than expected rise in August non-farm

retreated later when it became apparent that a larger than

expected rise was achieved in the manufacturing sector,

which renewed fears of rising inflationary pressure in the

U.S. The dollar also lost ground after the University of

Columbia inflation index showed a rise to 111.4 per cent in

The U.S. unit, thus ended the week at 1.5550 marks, 99.13 yen and at \$1.5475 to the pound sterling.

August, from 109.5 per cent the previous month.

The dollar rallied at the release of these figures, but

mark and 1.08 per cent against sterling.

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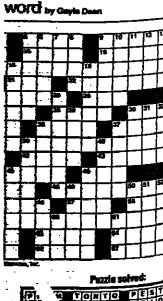
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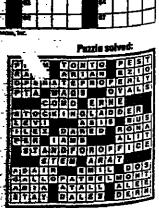
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French Franc	0.1305	0.1312
Japanese Yen*	0.7000	0.7035
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Asian states seek Arab Gulf investment in property, tourism

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AFP) - China and other Asian countries will bid to attract investors from wealthy Gulf Arab states to their growing property and tourism sectors at an international exhibition here, organisers have said.

China alone is sending nearly 50 businessmen to the November exhibition to explain investment opportunities emerging from sweeping reforms that have enabled the Asian nation to become one of the world's fastest growing economies.

The delegation representing 25 companies covering real estate, tourism, finance and construction will be headed by Zhou Bao Chen from the investment introduction division of Hainan economic cooperation de-

"The Chinese delegation which has confirmed attendance at the exhibition will open up exciting investment

opportunities for local businessmen and expatriate investors in the Gulf," the organisers said in a state-

The Dubai World Trade Centre is staging the annual Middle East International Overseas Property and Investment Exhibition which attracts hundreds of potential investors from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and other members of the sixnation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

Scores of companies from other countries such as India, the Philippines, Pakistan, anada, Britain, France, yprus and the Bahamas will iso attend the five-day exhibition, opening on Nov. 27. It comes as GCC states are

looking to diversify their overseas investments following losses from recurrent world stock market crises and sharp fluctuations in major currencies and interest rates.

GCC states - Saudi Ara-

bia, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar. Kuwait and the UAE - are the top investors in the Middle East, with overseas assets estimated at more than \$400 billion. They are concentrated in Western countries in real estate, bank deposits and stocks and bonds.

China, a key importer of Gulf fertilizers and a major potential buyer of Middle East oil, said last week it was seeking to boost investment and trade cooperation with the region.

The plan includes opening an official trade centre in the Gulf's main commercial centre in Dubai and participating in trade fairs in the region. China's trade with the GCC has already jumped to around \$2.2 billion in 1993

The Chinese participation in the exhibition will also help strengthen the bilateral trade links between China and Dubai," the statement

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come the second largest exporter to the emirate, with exports worth more than 4.35., billion dirhams (\$1.18 billion) in 1993.

India is also staging its own trade show and investment. conference in its biggest promotion drive in the Mid-

dle East. Some 150 companies will, exhibit a wide range of products with more than 20businessmen and experts on. hand to explain investment. opportunities at the show, opening in Dubai on Sept.

Commerce Minister Pranab Mukherjee and other Indian officials will attend the. opening.

A statement by the Indian. embassy in the UAE said: The event will be an effort. to show the tremendous progress made by India during the last few decades, particularly in the wake of the. recent economic reforms."

Iran snubs foreign firms in oil, gas contracts to have gone to an Italian-led

awarded key oil and gas development contracts to local firms in a move that should send a strong signal to foreign firms that have so far insisted on unacceptable terms, an Iranian oil official has said. The more valuable of the

officials said Sunday.

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two contracts, for the first phase of development of the huge South Pars offshore gas field, was awarded to a new firm formed by the National Iranian Oil Co. (NIOC) called Petco for \$900 million, the source said.

The project was originally

consortium that also included Russian and Japanese firms. but Iran cancelled the deal in January after Italian export guarantee body SACE failed to guarantee financing. It was not clear what other factors may have come into

sector, they'd better change their terms and make them less demanding."
The official said foreigners AMMAN (R) - Jordan Electric Power Company hopes to raise its capital 15 million dinars (\$21 million) in a new share should view this as "strong

play, but the Iranian oil offi-

cial told Reuters by tele-

phone: "If foreign companies

want to be active in the oil

advice." The new contract awarded to Petco by NIOC is partly in U.S. dollars to pay for any foreign work and supplies and partly in Iranian rivals for local elements, the official

12 million dinars (\$17.2 million), will also part-finance its 53.1 million dinars (\$76.1 million) 1994-1997 distribution network The second deal, for \$130 million, was awarded to another state-owned Iranian The last public offer last year raised the company's capital to its current level from nine million dinars (\$12.9 million). oil company to reconstruct the Abuzar oilfield, which

was originally due to be done-by foreign firms. In both cases, Iran saved a substantial amount of money

by going local, the official? said, adding: "They will do; some of the work, and whenever there is a need,... they will subcontract it out to: foreign contractors." Foreign companies often

charge more because they: have to pay much higher: wages because they tend to use more foreign equipment. and supplies, again more exlocal Iranian products. Financing is usually diffi-

cult to obtain because of: Iran's recent poor payments. record, and foreigners oftenhave to build political and: financial risk into their calculations. But the Iranian oil official,

who sought anonymity, said: the foreigners were demanding too high a rate of return. and were charging far too.

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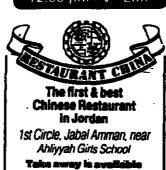
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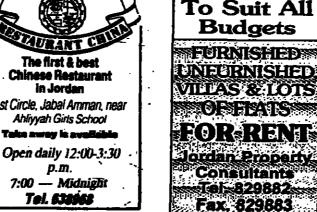


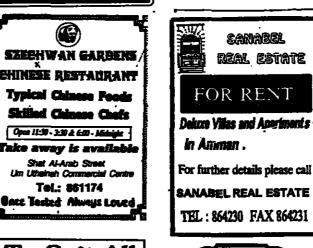


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UAE banks and firms urged to publish regular results ABU DHABI (AFP) — United Arab Emirates (UAE)

banks and companies shouldpublish regular performance: results throughout the year toboost investors' confidence. and curb widespread manipulation in the local stock; market, dealers have said. The absence of published-

results is creating confusion among small investors and can push share prices up ordown for no logical reason, they said. "The movement of share

prices in the stock market does not reflect their real. value as trading is based on information that leaks out of some banks and companies, said Ziad Dabbas, sharedealing director at the government-controlled National Bank of Abu Dhabi

(NBAD).
"Publication of regular results of performance will help investors to take sound decisions, boost investors' confidence and end insider trading."
The 60-plus banks and

firms trading their shares in the UAE publish only annual balance sheets, despite central bank advice to release. biannual or quarterly results to avert a repetition of a bad debt crisis that inflicted heavy losses on several local banks in the mid-1980s. The absence of regular ba-

lance sheets has given rise to insider trading, in which sources inside the management of a bank or company leak information about its performance to influence shares and sell at higher

Brokers said regular balance sheets would support the planend stock exchange as it would streamline activity and attract more investors. "Of course, much a move

would give a strong boost to the market and end monopoly of shares by a handful of major investors," said Zuhair Kaswani, another leading UAE stockbroker.

"It will also help us assess the market performance and share movements better and lay the groundwork for a floor," he pointed out.

Chen leads another Chinese one-two at World Swimming Championships

ROME (R) — Chen Likia won the women's one-metre springboard title ahead of compatriot Tan Shuping as China confirmed its suprema-cy in diving at the World Swimming Championships on

Goodwill Games champion Chen, 19, took gold with a total score of 279.30 points from her five dives on a sunlit afternoon at the Foro Italico. Tan produced the highest

scoring dive of the final - an inward 21/2 somersault with her last effort to snatch silver from Canadian Commonwealth champion Annie

Tan scored 276.00 points to the 273.84 totalled by the French-Canadian American Cheril Santini (261.72) was the one to miss out on a medal in the four-woman fin-

The medals took China's tally to five from three diving finals. Olympic champion Fu Mingxia retained her platform title Saturday, beating compatriot Chi Bin into second place

Favourite Lan Wei had to settle for silver in the men's one-metre springboard Friwart pushing him into

The Chinese won four of six titles at the last world championships and three out of four in the 1992 Olympics. The one-metre springboard is not an Olympic event.

Chen, who said she trains some eight hours per day, put her success down to old fashioned hard work. "I don't think I have any secrets," she said, adding that the Chinese never feared

Pelletier said the Chinese were mentally and physically stronger than their oppowho are now able to get close to them. But they are very strong both mentally and physically and they work harder than anyone else," she

Unfortunately for Pelletier, there is no sign of the Chinese easing up with 17year-old Tan promising to work harder to improve on

her second place.
"I think my failure to win today shows I have not trained hard enough. I will train harder when I get

unity."
"We are very pleased by this decision. I think it shows

that the re-baptised 'congress

of unity' is not just a word in

the air," Carrard told repor-

Eight major sports federation chiefs are already mem-

bers of the IOC, including

football's Joao Havelange.

skiing's Marc Hodler and

boxing's Anwar Chowdhry.
Nebiolo, the Italian who

has made athletics one of the

world's most lucrative sports, was appointed to the IOC

two years ago under a special

procedure foreshadowing Sunday's decision and is the

only current member never

to have been elected by his

colleagues on the IOC. . Carrard said federation

presidents would still have

the opportunity to become

old-style IOC members, who

have a job until the age of 75,

by virtue of their position

within their national Olympic

committees, for example.

Sports barons win places on IOC

PARIS (R) — Olympic chief Juan-Antonio Samaranch overcame a revolt by rankand-file IOC members Sunday and won seats on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for the barons of the world's major sports

On the first day of its 103rd session the IOC decided that Samaranch, as its president, could nominate up to 10 new members, IOC officials said.

The more amounts to one of the most significant changes of IOC rules in its 100-year history, widening the membership of perhaps the world's most exclusive

But in what participants said was a stormy debate, IOC members forced their leader to drop an earlier proposal which would have given the Spaniard the right to name the new members without the approval of his IOC colleagues.

"It was a bloody big bat-tle," one IOC member said. Under a rewrite of the Olympic charter, Samaranch will nominate up to 10 new members for either their "function" or their "particu-

lar qualifications."
IOC Director-General Francois Carrard said it was expected the heads of international sports federations would get almost all the new

The president has said time and again... that it is fundamental to the strength of the Olympic movement that its major components are represented in the heart of the IOC," Carrard told

Under the compromise rule change, Samaranch's nominees have to be approved by the existing 88 members of the IOC. All 10 also have to come from 10 different countries - avoiding the risk of new national or regional power blocs on the

Carrard said members elected under the new rule would have to quit the IOC if they lost their other posts as head of major sports federa-

IOC members said the revolt against Samaranch's original proposal was led by the doyen of the IOC, 73-yearold Grand Duke Jean of Lux-

The members said the grand duke an IOC member since 1946, won the support of 27 members for his proposal for a secret ballot blocking

the proposal. The compromise appeared to be reached during a midday coffee break during which Samaranch and his lieutenants on the ruling executive board huddled together to discuss their tac-

IOC members said that once the session resumed, the compromise was proposed by Germany's Thomas Bach at Samaranch's request. The call for a secret ballot was dropped and the compromise accepted unanimously.
Traditionally IOC mem-

bers, spread thinly around the globe, represent the IOC in their own countries rather than representing a particular constituency or country on

But Samaranch, pushed by world athletics chief Primo Nebiolo, has long wanted to give international federations a greater voice within the IOC itself.

to promote the "unity" of the Olympic movement, that they decided Friday to re-name last week's Olympic Congress the "congress of

> WORLD CHAMP: Puerto Rican Daniel champion in Vienna Sunday after knocking out local hope Harry Geier after 19 seconds nenez is crowned world super bantamweight

Organisers of Asian Games fear China's boycott threat

TOKYO (R) — A tense countdown started Sunday to next month's Asian Games in Hiroshima with no solution in sight to China's threat to boycott the event because Taiwan's president has been invited.

With only four weeks left until the Oct. 2 opening cere-mony, Japanese officials have been unable so far to come up with a diplomatic way of telling Taiwan's President Lee Teng-Hui that he is just not welcome at this time.

Games organisers are worried that time is running out to put the finishing touches on staging Asia's biggest sporting event because of un-certainty about China's parti-

"We strongly hope that the issue wil lbe settled through talks as soon as possible," a games official said. If China, the biggest fore-

ign team, stays away it would be a financial, public relations and sporting disaster for the atomic-bomb scarred city of Hiroshima, which plans to use the event as a coming out party from its tragic past.
A record total 7,300 athletes and officials from 42 nations are due to take part in the quadrennial sports event from Oct. 2 to 16.

competing in 337 events in 34 The invitation to Lee was of Asia (OCA).
If the OCA does not withdraw it. Japanese sources said a compromise might be worked out whereby Taiwan Deputy Prime Minister Hsu Il-Teh would visit Hiroshima as a private citizen instead of

The sources said there were precedents for private visits to Tokyo by Taiwan's

Taiwan, however, shows no sign of backing down easi-

Prime Minister Lien Chan was quoted Saturday by the country's central news agency as saying that Lee should attend the games opening issued by the Olmpic Council

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Prince Hassan, the Regent Sunday received at his house the Jordanian national tack. wondo team which will represent the Kingdom at the Asian Games to open in Hiroshima, Japan later this Prince Hassan, who heads

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the Higher Council for Self-Defence Sports, expressed hope that the team's participation in the Hiroshima Games would herald a new start for the Jordanian youth in sports events.

He said the team's camp

which will start in Taiwan Monday in preparation for the games, will mark that start if the team members employ all their capabilities during the remaining period before the games.

Deputy Chairman of the Higher Council for Self-Defence Sports Issa Al Rimoni briefed the Crown Prince on the team's plans saying that they include hold. ing four training camps, two
of them already held in Jordan and one in Turkey, while the fourth was just about to start in Taiwan. Mr. Rimoni noted that Jordan will next year host the first Arab tackwondo championships.

He said that Jordan has 57 taekwondo training centres where more than 70,000 youths are training, pointing out that Jordanian tackwondo national teams have thus far won 359 gold, silver and bronze medals at various international championships.

On Saturday, the International Olympic Committee (IOC). meeting in Paris, approved making tackwordo an Olympic sport as part of the 2,000 Olympic Games to be hosted by Sydney, Austra-

Ski **Paradise** captures Moulin victory

PARIS (R) - Ski Paradise, ridden by Japanese idol Yutaka Take, showed imhot favourite East of the Moon in the Prix du Moulin de Longchamp, one of Europe's top mile races, on

Ski Paradise (9-1), beaten a little under seven lengths into fifth by East of the Moon in the Prix Jacques le Marois last month, waited in last position as Marildo took the seven-runner field along at a decent clip.

East of the Moon, who had raced prominently, loomed menacingly in the straight. but did not have the turn of foot to match Ski Paradise, who hit the front well inside the final furlong to win by

three parts of a length. East of the Moon, lacking the zip she had shown in the Marois, got up to deprive Green Tune of second by a short head, with Bigstone fourth and the British filly Sayyedati fifth.

Ski Paradise, a close second in this race last year and for so often last season the bridesmaid but never the bride, was Take's first European Group One success.

Winning trainer, Andre Fabre, who trains Ski Paradise on behalf of leading Tapanese owner Teruya Yoshida, said: "Yutaka Take did a very good job today."

Take said: "We won very easily. I have won many group races in Japan but this

acceleration so evident in the Jacques le Marois." Francois Boutin was in-clined to blame himself for East of the Moon's defeat, with the French trainer affirming: "Maybe I have been a little easy on her since

her brilliant win at Deanville." He has not decided whether she will travel to Ascot for the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes.

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Harkes calls bonus an 'insult'; England says it was U.S. idea

LONDON (AP) - American striker John Harkes said Saturday it was an "insult" that the English Football Association (FA) was offering exhibition game next Wednesday.

The remark came as a British newspaper reported U.S. and English officials trading barbs over whose idea the

Harkes, who is likely to play in the U.S. team's firstever appearance at Wembley Stadium if he is fully recovered from a calf strain, said that pride would be motivation enough for himself and his teammates.

"I don't think we need to be offered some cash sum to come out and play," said Harkes, who plays for the England club Derby. "I think it's more or less an insult for

us to be offered money." When the FA announced the bonus earlier this week, it said the money was an incentive for the Americans to make the game more competitive. England, host and therefore automatic qualifier for the 1996 European Championship, will be searching for quality opponents

qualifying process. FA spokesman David Davies later said the bonus idea had come from U.S. officials as a compromise in negotiations over the match

the next 16 months as the rest

of Europe goes through the

But that was a claim denied by U.S. team spokesman Jim Froslid in Saturday's edition of the Sun newspaper.

"It was nothing to do with

saying. "America has never played at Wembley. It is a great honour and we would have come for nothing." Davies reacted angrily to

us," Froslid was quoted as

"I object vehemently to being referred to effectively as a liar without any chance to reply before that story was blished," Davies said. have absolutely no intention of getting into a public debate about who said what, to whom and when during what were obviously private nego-

The game will be the first meeting between the teams since the United States' 2-0 victory in the U.S. Cup in Boston last year, one of the most embarrassing losses in English soccer history.

Sampdoria crushes Padua 5-0

ROME (AFP) — Sampdoria made a dream start to the Italian football season Sunday, with a 5-0 thrashing of newly-promoted Padua.

But the match was a nightmare debut for Alexi Lalas, the American central defender signed by Padua in a blaze of publicity after his flowing flame-haired locks and goatee beard were a feature of the World Cup.

pected to struggle after Ruud Gullit's return to AC Milan, opened the scoring in the 12th minute through Roberto Mancini, with Alberigo Evani making it 2-0 just before half-time.

England captain David Platt, playing a superb opening game, added a third. Serbian Vladimir Mihajlovic, signed from AS Roma, made it 4-0 and another new signing, Alessandro Melli, also scored on his debut with an 81st minute penalty.

Dutch striker Dennis Bergkamp added Inter Milan's second in the 90th minute as they beat Torino 2-0, and Gabriel Batistuta, who had so successfully linked up with Diego Maradona, bagged both as Florentina finished 2-1 winners over Cagilari.

Sampdoria, who many ex-

Inclusion of taekwondo in Olympics rekindles dispute other undersecretary general.

PARIS (AP) - The inclusion of tackwondo in the 2000 Sydney Olympics rekindles a and President Kim Un-Yong simmering dispute between of South Korea is a vice rival tackwondo federations over recognition, prestige and millions of dollars in

The International Olympic Committee's (IOC) executive board decided Saturday to recommend inclusion of tackwondo, a Korean form of martial art, to the Sydney

programme.
The Seoul, South Koreabased World Taekwondo
Federation (WTF) is the only taekwondo association recognised by the IOC and thus eligible for IOC and National Olympic Committee funding.

The rival International Taekwondo Federation (ITF) based in Vienna, Austria, says it is older and should have at least equal recognition and funding. It is willing to talk about a merger of the federations or forming an umbrella organisation, said Tom McCallum, one of the ITF's undersecretary gener-

One obstacle to a compromise is that WTF founder president of the IOC.

The IOC recognised the WTF in 1981, according to MacCallum. "Since that time we have tried to seek justice," he said. "Of course over the years we have had no access to IOC funding." He estimated the financial support to taekwondo from

the IOC and national Olympic committees in the millions of dollars. While the ITF was founded in 1966, the WTF wasn't established until 1973, McCallum said. The WTF is aligned with South Korea. while the ITF was founded by

former South Korean army Gen. Choi Hong-Hi but includes officers from communist North Korea. The two countries have been bitter rivals since the 1950-53 Korean War.

"The ITF is international,

not North Korea or South Korea," said Li Yong Gil, a North Korean and the ITF's

to take questions on the mat-IOC Director General

do politically."

the IOC.

Francois Carrard said, "there is an IOC-recognised federation, and the president of that recognised federation has said the door is open to a

seeks a merger similar to that

of rival karate federations

facilitated and recognised by

nial Olympic Congress in Paris, the WTF's Kim said he

had no comment and refused

Questioned at the centen-

Carrard said the IOC had "no position whatsoever" on whether the two taekwondo federations should merge. The ITF gets financial sup-

port from members' dues only, and none from governments, MacCallum said.

The type of taekwondo practised by the WTF and thus at the Olympics is full-contact, MacCallum says.

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Prince Hassan, who has the Higher Council for Set Defence Sports, express hope that the team's par-cipation in the Hirothia Games would herald a be start for the Jordanian you in sports events.

He said the team's can which will start in Tan Monday in preparation is the games, will mark the start if the team member employ all their capability during the remaining pen before the games.

Deputy Chairman of the Higher Council for Se Defence Sports Issa Rimoni briefed the Crop Prince on the team's play saying that they include hot ing four training camps, n. of them already held in Je dan and one in Turkey, whi the fourth was just about; start in Taiwan. Mr. Rime noted that Jordan will be year host the first Arab tad wondo championships.

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Ski by the **Paradise** captures Moulin victory

PARIS (R) — Ski Paradise, ridden by Japanese idol Yutaka Take, showed impressive acceleration to beat bot favourite East of the Moon in the Prix du Moulin de Longchamp, one of Europe's top mile races, on

Sunday. Ski Paradise (9-1), beaten a little under seven lengths into fifth by East of the Moon in the Prix Jacques le Marois last month, waited in last position as Marildo took the seven-runner field along at i decent clip.

East of the Moon, who had raced prominently, loomed menacingly in the straight. but did not have the turn of foot to match Ski Paradise who hit the front well inside the final furlong to win by three parts of a length.

East of the Moon, lacking the zip she had shown in the Marois, got up to deprive Green Tune of second by a short head, with Bigston fourth and the British filly Sayyedati fifth.

Ski Paradise, a close second in this race last year and for so often last season the bridesmaid but never the bride, was Take's first Euro pean Group One success, Winning trainer, Andre Fabre, who trains Ski Para dise on behalf of leading Japanese owner Teruys Yoshida, said: 'Yutaka Takt

did a very good job today.

Take said: "We won very easily. I have won man group races in Japan but dis was one of my biggest mo

ments.' Cash Asmussen, East of the Moon's rider, said:

failed to show the lightning acceleration so evident in the Jacques le Marois."

Francois Boutin was in clined to blame himself for East of the Moon's defeat. with the French trainer affirming: "Maybe I have been a little easy on her sing her brilliant win at Deauvil le." He has not decide whether she will trave pr zabeth II Stakes.

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Qatar soccer team to visit Gaza Strip

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) -A Qatari soccer team will play a Palestinian squad in the autonomous areas this week, the first such games in 27 years, sports officials said Sunday. Nafiz Al Rantawi, a

Sports

member of the Palestinian sports coordination .committee at the PLO mission here, said Qatar's Al Waqra Sports Club will play two matches against the Jabaliya Club of the Gaza

Rantawi said the Qataris, who plan to arrive in the West Bank town of Jericho Thursday, were waiting for Israeli permission to enter the autonomous Palestinian zones. The team is currently in Iraq playing against clubs there.

He said the team of 31 players and officials is headed by club President Sheikh Khalifa Bin Abdul Rahman Al Thani, a member of Qatar's ruling fami-

spokesman for the Qatari Embassy in Amman, confirmed Al Wagra's fourdav visit. It was not immediately

clear if the Qataris will

Younis Abdul Rahman,

play any matches with

Israeli squads. The Qataris are the first Arab soccer players to visit the autonomous areas since 1967, when Israel seized the West Bank and Gaza Strip with other Arab land in the 1967 Middle East war.

Qatar has been responsive to Israeli overtures following the Sept. 1993 peace accord signed by the Palestine Liberation Organisation and the Jewish state under which Palestinians were granted partial

self-rule. Qafari's foreign minister, Sheikh Hammad Bin Jassim Al Thani, has held several meetings with his Israeli counterpart, Shimon Peres, since the U.S.sponsored peace talks began in 1991,

Qatar has said that discussions with Israel focused on future relations and cooperation. But many Qatari officials, including the foreign minister, insist that normalising relations with Israel are not possible until the 1993 accord is fully implemented.

Jansher Khan wins 6th Hong Kong squash title

HONG KONG (R) — Jan-sher Khan exacted full revenge for his only defeat this year when he crushed Scot-land's Peter Nicol 15-7, 15-10, 15-6 Sunday to win his sixth Hong Kong Open

squash title. The victory of Jansher in a confident mood to defend his World Open title in Barcelona in nine days, with the 25-year-old Pakistani declaring he had shown he was still the "king of squash."

World champion Jansher has been waiting for a chance to avenge his shock defeat by 21-year-dold Nicol in the Welsh Classic of Cardiff in February.

"He is a very good player and has some good shots. People are saying he is the next number one, but you need to win lots of tournaments to be the king. I showed today that I am the king," said Jansher.

Nicol took the opening

point of the match, but that merely served to inspire Jansher, who dominated the nexdt 44 minutes. Playing with great accura-cy, he pinned Nicol to the

back of the court with shots of perfect length and as his frustration mounted, the Scot was forced into errors,

The Pakistani roared into an 11-2 lead and sealed the opening game in 14 minutes. It was a similar story in the second as Jansher led 8-2 before Nicol managed a brief flurry when it was too late.

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to that, in some circumstances, an expert duplicate declarer will choose a line that risks going down in a cold contract for the sake of an extra trick. Rubber bridge is just the opposite. A sound technician will alter that the contract the contract of the sake of an extra trick. ways take a sefety play that may cost a trick or two as long as the contract is guaranteed as a result. Consider this deal. West's preemptive jump overcall did not keep North-South out of a kound three-no-trump game. Both of North's bids were forcing, but South refused to take preference with only a doubleton spade and potentially two stoppers in the ene-

nique is to win the first trick in hand and cash the ace and queen of clubs. If the suit breaks 3-2 or West has a singleton honor, as will happen most of the time, declarer has 10 fast tricks. When West shows out on tast tricks. When West shows out on the second club, declarer leads a diamond from dummy. If East carelessly follows low, declarer inserts the eight and still comes to nine tricks thanks to the 3-3 diamond split. However, if East plays an honor declarer will be held to eight tricks.

At rubber bridge, declarer should see that four club tricks will suffice as long as East can be kept off lead. After winning the first trick, declar-er crosses to dummy with the queen er crosses to dummy with the queen of clubs and returns a club. If East follows: low, declarer inserts the nine, if that loses to an honor in the West hand, the rest of the suit is good and nine tricks are assured. As the cards lie, the nine wins, so de-

clares scores an overtrick.

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Romero wins European

CRANS-SUR-SIERRE, Switzerland (AFP) — Argentina's Eduardo Romero kept his vice-like grip on the European Masters right through to the final round here on Sunday, winning the golf tournament by one stroke.

opened with a first round 64 and gone on to card a 68, 66 and a final round 68, finished on a 22-under-par total of 266, one shot clear of Sweden's Pierre Fulke.

Third place was shared by defending champion Barry Lane of England, Scotland's Sam Torrance and Frenchman Jean Van de Velde on 19 under, with Nick Faldo and Martin Gates one stroke further back in joint sixth.

It was Romero's second sctory of the season, after the Italian Open in May, and it cocked a snook at his British, Swedish and Spanish rivals who had all hoped to win the first European Ryder Cup qualifying tournament.
Romero's win, the seventh

of his career, was easier than the one-stroke margin suggested. He led by four strokes after the 10th hole and even though his lead was balved at the 12th and Fulke made a late rally, the Argentine had a three-stroke lead when he arrived at the parfour last.

"This is the biggest win of my career," he said.

Masters looked as if they were sharpening up for the final.

Too bad one must bump off Romero, 40, who had

Richard Fromberg.

No. 9 Todd Martin, a clas-

Agassi, Chang advance at U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — They were the perfect antidote to slam-bang tennis, Andre Agassi, winning in three sweet sets, Michael Chang in just one and a half, each showing why baseliners are dominating this year's U.S. Open. The way they played Saturday, Agassi and Chang

the other in the round of 16. Agassi beat the tougher opponent, no. 12 Wayne Fer-reira, 7-5, 6-1, 7-5, and he did it in thoroughly convincing fashion. Ferreira was so frustrated he was reduced to childish fits of racket-throwing

and ball-whacking.

Chang was equally in command of his match but got away in half the time when Jim Grabb retired with an aggravated shoulder injury while trailing 6-1, 4-1. Chang played his best tennis so far, serving like a bigger man and chasing down almost everything.

It is no coincidence that Agassi and Chang are playing so well. So, too, are other baseliners like no. 3 Sergi Bruguera, who beat big Marc Goellner 1-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-7 (7-4) 6-1, and no. 13 Thomas Muster, who beat Thomas Enqvist, 6-0, 6-4, 6-2. Richey Reneberg, an unseeded baseliner who upset Boris Becker in the first round, reached the fourth round with a 2-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 victory over

sic serve-and-volleyer, struggled through five sets in the first round. He's stayed back more ever since, and on Saturday night he



Andre Agassi

approached the net about half as often as Patrick Rafter in beating him 7-5, 6-3, 6-7 (7-3), 6-2.

The same pattern has developed on the women's side. Defending champion Steffi Graf is coming in only on short balls, and she saw a lot of those as she put away 23 of 24 net approaches in a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Radka Bobkova. Graf had a nose bleed in practice but experienced

no trouble during the match. No. 4 Mary Pierce, who practically lives on the baseline, beat Judith Wiesner 6-2,

No. 6 Lindsay Davenport tried rushing the net, but was too slow and got caught out of position too often as she converted only 22 of 33 approaches in a 6-3, 7-6 (7-1) loss to no. 44-ranked Mana Endo. No. 7 Jana Novotna, who

charges the net at Wimbledon, mostly stayed back to beat Patricia Hy 6-1, 6-2. The same was true of no. 11 Amanda Coetzer, who beat Mariaan de Swardt 6-1, 6-3, and Magdalena Maleeva, who beat Shaun Stafford 6-3,

The hardcourts and slightly fuzzier balls are a little slower this year, creating a nice balance between the speed of Wimbledon's grass and the rusty, dusty rallies of the French Open's clay.

"If you take the atmosphere out of it, and some of the noise and some of the hecklers, this is certainly the fairest court because you can serve and volley unlike on clay, but you can stay back." Martin said. "It gives everybody an equal shot at winning the tournament.

"If you hit a good voiley, then it is a good voiley. If you don't hit a good volley, then you're going to pay for it sometimes. And that's the way tennis should be. That is what all the complaints were about at Wimbledon. But it's hard to make a grass court slow. It's much easier to make a hardcourt slow, and they've come up with a pretty good composition of court and bali.

Even serve-and-volleyers like defending champion Pete Sampras are taking notice, staying back more instead of rushing in as they do all the time at Wimbledon. Sampras has the ability to play different ways, so the subtle change of speed this year shouldn't affect him. For Becker, the changes surprised him and drove him out

Agassi, unseeded with a

no. 20 ranking, is thriving here so far, though getting past Chang won't be easy.
"Michael is playing some

great tennis and I am definitely going to have my hands full against him," Agassi said. "But when I am hitting the ball well, concentrating this well, I like my chances against anybody.

"I wasn't scared to take chances at the right time (against Ferreira). I'm using all parts of my game right now. That's when I'm playing my best tennis, when I'm using the angles and the

A year ago, Agassi lost here in the first round. He reached the final in 1990, only to get crushed by Sam-

"When you compete at a high level, then you want the players to respect you for what you can do and you want them to fear having you on their side of the draw," Agassi said. "When you go out here and you take guys as good as Wayne and you can beat him handily, it is such a confident feeling for me. Chang won't take Agassi

for granted but is feeling pretty confident himself after boosting the power in his game with upper body work and practice on his serve. Getting off easy against Grabb didn't hurt.

"Sometimes if you play a five-set match it can really take its toll on you, physical-ly," Chang said. "Then all of. a sudden, things start to hurt here and there. I am actually going to go out and hit a little bit more because I've come from having two days off, so I want to be able to try to stay

eens in tennis: Commission report should shake things up sed around today, though.

NEW YORK (AP) - When the Women's Tennis Council's age eligibility commission makes its report Sept. 9, one thing is certain. The find-

ings will shake things up. In a sport that often consumes its young, few issues stir as much controversy as the question of age. How old should a player be before being able to turn pro? At the moment, the limit is 14. The commission is considering raising it, perhaps to 15, maybe to 16. Is that enough?

Too much? Just right? Tennis officials agree there should be some kind of restraint. They're just not sure are is it. It is a place to start, though.

Lynne Rolley, the U.S. Tennis Association's director of coaching for women, thinks age is just one part of the issue. "What I would like to see

the commission do, actually the tour do, is have more level of tournaments," she said. "I'd like to see players

prove themselves at every level of the ladder, from juniors to pros before they can move on. I'm not really

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concerned about age level. It's more the profession level that worries me." Rolley wonders how ma-

ture 14-year-olds can be. "The problem with a lot of young players is they can play on the court at a high level but they aren't developed socially and emotionally,' she said.

Peachy Kellmeyer is director of international operations for the WTA Tour and arranges the tournament commitments for the top

"I've always said there's can see people handling life on the tour," she said. There are 14-and 15-yearolds that are mature enough to be on the tour and there are some at 18 who aren't

ready. One of the hot young playrs waiting to move up is Venus Williams, a 14-yearold from Florida. There was a buzz that she might play at Los Angeles this summer. Kellmeyer was caught in the middle of it.

"I had a lot pressure on me to contact the Williams family about L.A. and whether

Venus was going to play," she said, "I had pressure from everyone, even the tournament director, who wanted to know. But I didn't contact them. I felt she was a young girl and it would be wrong. I felt my calling even to clarify the possibility of her playing, would be wrong. So

we never contacted her." Martina Navratilova, newly elected president of the Women's Tennis Association, thinks an age limit is

'Doesn't it say in the (U.S.) constitution you have to be 16 years old before you earn full wages?" she said. The U.S. constitution makes no requirement of being 16 to earn full wages.
"You can't keep people

from making a living, but you can prevent them when they're 10 years old. You're supposed to be in school when you're 10 years old."

And that means traditional schoool, not some tennis academy trying to turn out the next Sampras or Graf.

The commission, however, seems prepared to go beyond age. Sports psychologist Jim

promised wide ranging proposals. "The recommendations are going to be much more comprehensive than merely raising age groups or limiting tournaments," he The tennis landscape is lit-

tered with physical or emo-

tional problems that de-

toured promising careers for young players like Americans Jennifer Capirati, Andrea Jaeger and Tracy Austin. Austin began having back trouble at the age of 12. She reached the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open at age 14 but

mixing both junior and pro tournaments. 'Nobody should be on the full tour until they complete thier high school education," she said

Was Austin rushed? some people thought so, watching her use a half-rozen strides to match one or two by mature opponents. Nobody sugg-gested that about Chris Evert, whose career was kept in check until she was 18. Mom Colette Evert doesn't know if they could have re-

"Who knows what we would have done had this approach. kind of money been there "She did the high school when Chris was 16," she said.

plenty of teen-age boys on the men's tour, as well. Jim McManus, an ATP Tour official, thinks the solution is simple. "The criteria should be if you can travel

The age question is often

perceived as a women's ten-

nis problem. But there are

the circuit without your pa-American Lindsay Davenport, at 18 one of the rising

kept in check by her family.

She graduated from high

school, went to her prom and

then flew to Wimbledon this year. Pam Shiver liked that

bit, similar to what I did," Shriver said after losing to Davenport at the U.S. Open. "She went to her senior prom. I think I did, too, I don't think many of us playing pro tennis and certainly playing Wimbledon during the same year went to our senior prom.

"I love her parents. I have never met her parents but the fact that I don't know who they are. I think is terrific. I inside the top 10 whose parents I have never met and I am crazy about them.'

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Opposition appears lacking viable strategy in fighting battle over peace process

AMMAN — Jordan's tastpaced steps towards reaching a peace treaty with Israel, since the two countries ended their state of war, have left the opposition at a loss to find a more effective language to address its constituents. politicians, observers and ordinary Jordanians say.

Bewildered at the speedy Jordanian-Israeli relations since His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin signed the Washington Declaration on July 25, the mainly Islamic opposition is now challenge of substantiating their opposition on the

Observers believe that unless the opposition parties, especially the Islamists, change their political strategy and language, they will remain ineffective in influencing public opinion where peace is concerned.

The coalition of opposition parties, led by the Islamic Action Front (IAF). has so far failed to capture people's imagination despite several attempts at holding rallies to protest Jordan's peace overture towards Israel. They staged a sit-in to protest the Washington summit which they declared to be "a black day and a day of mourning in the history of Jordan and the Arab Nation," but no more than 200 people attended.

Despite its vocal protest and claims that the government has banned some of its planned rallies and demonstrations, the opposition has been unable to obstruct Jordan's peace moves and seems to be losing momentum by the day, the observers and political activists say.

However, they believe that the opposition is necessary to strengthen Jordan's negotiating position with Israeli hardliners who are inflexible in their

By Leon Barkho

BAGHDAD — A U.N.-

brokered ceasefire silenced

the guns along the border of

Iraq and Iran but has failed

to heal the wounds of a

ruinous war the two coun-

tries fought for eight years.

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on the perceived threat

Iran's Islamic erical reg-

ime poses to its security and

On Sunday it marked the

1980-1988 Gulf war

anniversary with a vitriolic

territorial integrity.

Memories of the war,

Baghdad lets no occasion

negotiation tactics. It all depends on the outcome of negotiations that the opposition is waiting to see results of the peace process before they adopt a different language of protest." Lower House of Parliament member Ali Abul Ragheb (Amman)

The opposition's credibility lies in its argument of the necessity to solve the refugees' problem before normalising ties with Israel. according to Deputy Abul Ragheb.

Jordan should give priority to the problem of refugees and displaced Palestinians who form a large number of Jordan's population. If negotiators take on this mission. the opposition's argument would become groundless, he asserts.

Jordan and Israel have undertaken several 'confidence building measures" between them such as opening the first border crossing linking their port cities of Agaba and Eilat on Aug. 8, as well as opening direct telephone lines between the two neigh-

While the opposition has condemned these steps of normalising ties with Israel. the majority of Jordanians supported the Washington Declaration which opened

the door for these moves. A public opinion poll reently conducted by Jordan University's Centre for Strategic Studies showed that 80 per cent of Jordanians supported the declaration, signed by the King and Mr. Rabin in Washington on July 25.

The observers say that the Islamic opposition. which controls 16 seats in the 80-member Lower House is no longer effective since the King himself is spearheading the peace

The Islamists cannot criticise a popular king, not

Both countries, locked in

ideological and political dis-

putes, have their own dates

of when the war broke out.

Iraq fixes it on Sept. 4 and Iran on Sept. 22, when

Baghdad sent troops to

seize chunks of Iranian

territory across the border.

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Khomeinism (Iran) still

looms over our eastern bor-

ders," said a front-page

editorial in the ruling Baath

Party newspaper Al Thaw-

Attempts at rapproche

ment have all but failed and

as the days pass by the two

countries find themselves

falling further and further

"This anniversary keeps



Abdul Karim Kabariti

openly at least." says one prominent politician. adding that the Islamists could risk being totally marginalised if they do not change their opposition

So far, the Islamists and the other opposition parties have done little more than issue statements of protest against normalising ties with Israel and accusing the government of jumping into the enemy's lap."

According to Lower House deputy and IAF spokesman Hamzeh Mansour. Israel's only ambition "is to dominate Jordan and the whole region economically and politically," and that by negotiating with the Israelis "we are inviting them" to do so.

Weakness of opposition

Despite the opposition's weakness, the observers warn that no democratic political system can be balanced in the absence of an opposition which would check the government's actions and give credibility to

'For the mainstream policy to win credibility, it has to stand up and balance the government, says another deputy who prefers that his name not be used.

King Hussein has rallied public opinion behind him. by describing the peace process as a vital means to economic development and stability in Jordan and the region. He warned people

Iraq says spectre of Iranian 'aggression' looms

The fate of tens of

thousands of prisoners of

war (PoWs) is award the outstanding issues. Iraq

says more than 20,000 of its

soldiers, some of whom

have been languishing in

Iranian jails for more than

15 years, are still held by

Tehran gives conflicting

figures of its own PoWs. It

speaks of several thousand.

Baghdad says it keeps none.

lates to border incursions,

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led to the 1980-1988 war.

of providing refuge for

Shiite dissidents on its terri-

tory. It blames instability in

Baghdad accuses Tehran

The thorniest issue re-



that the failure of the peace

low after the Gulf crisis as lost support from the U.S., some European countries and the Gulf

"A country with a 20 per cent rate of unemployment has to be pragmatic about matters that threaten its existence." says deputy Abdul Karim Kabariti

(Aqaba).
"If peace with Israel means feeding many hungry Jordanians, then I welcome it," adds businessman Tarek Mamoun.

The opinion poll showed that half of those opposing the Washington Declaration do believe that Jordan will benefit economically but are unable to grasp the idea of normalising ties with the Jewish state.

"If Jordan were a rich and financially independent country, we would have followed our hearts: but we are in a position which calls for using our heads to figure out how to fill our stomachs." says Ahmad, a grocery shop owner in Sweileh.

To reward Jordan for its role in the peace process. the U.S. has promised to write off Jordan's debts which stand at about \$700 million.

In numerous statements of protest. Islamists called on Jordanians and Arabs to stand up against normalising ties with Israel and to

hit and run attacks the in-

surgents mount on targets

It also charges that Iran, utilising instability in the

Kurdish north, is trying to

acquire a foothold in the

region. Tehran backs a

small but strong group of

Baghdad of arming its

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nisation and providing it

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The government news-

favour with the West.

Tehran, in turn, accuses

in southern Iraq.

Kurdish Islamists.



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adopt the armed struggle option to regain Jordanian that the occupied territories, taken by Israel by force, can only be regained

Jordan is claiming 380 square kilometres of land occupied by Israel after the 1948 and 1967 Arab-Israeli wars as well as a bigger share of the water from the Yarmouk and Jordan riv-

Since the Washington Declaration. Jordanian-Israeli negotiations over water and border issues have not achieved tangible progress, while considerable progress in areas of cooperation and normalisation of ties has been

The Islamic opposition maintains that it would be "naive" to believe that Israelis will give back an inch of the land it occupied.

The Jews only want to dominate us," says deputy Mansour, adding that normalising ties with "the enemy" is a form of encouragement for them to

But the government insists that problems accumulated over half a century of conflict could not be resolved overnight.

paper Al Jumhouriyah cast

doubt on Tehran's claim

that it opposed attempts to

It said Iran was conspir-

ing against Iraq's unity by

backing rebel groups

opposing the central au-

For peace and stability,

Iraq demands that Tehran

rulers give up what it terms

as "the path of aggression,

Al Thawra said any re-

view of Iraqi policy on the

part of Tehran should in-

clude the immediate return

of PoWs and also planes,

both civilian and military.

which Baghdad flew to

Tehran to escape allied

bombing during the 1991 Gulf war.

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King Hussein, speaking at a press conference last Sunday, said that the "negotiations were proceeding at an acceptable early for scepticism.

7 killed in weekend clashes in Aden

SANAA (R) — At least seven people were killed in clashes this weekend with armed Muslim zealots trying to impose their will on the Yemeni port of Aden, the capital of a failed secessionist bid earlier this year, residents

The city was quiet but tense on Sunday after daylong battles on Saturday that also left eight policemen wounded in clashes with Salafis who have tried to convert Aden by force since it fell to government troops on July 7.

Armed with cannon and machine-guns, the Salafis their name means "those who want to return to the path of the ancestors" — descended on Aden on Friday from surrounding hills where radical fundamentalist passions are high, residents said.

The Salatis, who were suppressed for years under Aden's former Socialist rulers, bulldozed shrines of Muslim saints which they regard as tantamount to lol-worship, banned in

One resident contacted from Sanaa said: "Life is gradually returning to normal. Saturday's battle came as a grim reminder of the civil war from which people are still recover-

Diplomats said the government's decisive confrontation of the zealots might help endear it to the people of Aden who have yet to get over their suspicions of President Ali northern-based government.

The battle came two months after an orgy of killing and looting following the collapse of an attempt by leaders of the southern-based Yemen Socialist Party to break away from the 1990 union of the former North and South Yemens.

The Salafis, southerners who have their stronghold in the hills of Abyan 60 kilometres east of Aden, fought alongside government forces in the civil war that ended the YSP's 20year dominance of the south, political sources They have since focused their efforts to bring the city to heel on three domed shrines in Aden they consider an outrage against their puritanical beliefs, including the 500year old shrine of Sheikh Aidarous, revered by the people of Aden as their

patron saint. They were also involved in harassment of unveiled women in the streets of the relatively liberal city. the which used to be freely available there, and other acts of religious intoler-

The sources said the Salafis were referred to variously as Jihad, Mujahi-deen or Wahhabis but this did not necessarily imply links with non-Yemeni Muslim groups with similar names.

Their views were seen as close to those of the puritanial Wahhabi sect of Saudi Arabia and some may have served with the Afghan Mujahideen during the seven-year war against the then Soviet backed government of Kabul.

A Yemeni interior ministry statement on Saturday identified the zealots simply as "irresponsible extremist elements.

Opinion was divided among political and diplomatic sources about possible links with the powerful Islamist Islah

Some said they were a faction within Islah, which is an alliance of Islamic radicals and traditionalists headed by parliamentary speaker Sheikh Abduullah Bin Hussein Al Abmar, President Saleh's principal ally during the war.

But others said Salafis opposed Islah whom they accuse of appeasement for ioining a three-party coalition with Mr. Saleh and the YSP that ruled Yemen until civil war broke on May 4. They consider YUSP members as godless communists beyond the

Some sources said armed Islah elements in Aden joined the security



Sign language becomes politically correct AUCKLAND (AFP) — Sign language for the deaf in New

Zealand is being changed so that it no longer uses a limp wrist gesture for gays and a hooked-nose sign for Jews the Sunday Star-Times is ported here. It said Wellings ton's Victoria University was revising a deaf sign dictionary for the Deaf Association. Instead of the limp wrist constant of stead of the limp wrist sign for "gay," the new language is the middle finger being and the thumb. The tap the thumb. The sign of "lesbian" was an "L" made by index finger and thumb touching the chin. "Jew" which used a crooked index finger to indicate a hooked nose, is now made by "strok ing" a beard at the chin be ing" a beard at the chin between thumb and index fin. ger. The old sign for "Chinese" had fingers being used to pull back on the eyes, This has now changed to an inverted "L" across the chest, indicating the traditional high-buttoned "Mao" iacket. "Japanese" is a banana shape indicating the country's shape. New Zealand's deaf are, however, retaining the symbol for German the raised index finger depicting the pointed helmet of the Kaiser's army. Deaf Association Coordinator Anthony Swindale said other countries were also modifying their sign languages. "It's an awareness that's starting to happen around the deaf community. Members are starting to think what the sign is meaning and sometimes it's derogatory.`

Singer gets restraining order

imitating art when she had a get a restraining order against a man she says is stalking her. The order was issued Friday against Charles Gilberg, who claims to be the father of Houston's daughter and has harassed the singer's family at their church. Houston, 30, is married to singer Bobby Brown. It was the second time Houston got a restraining order against him. The first was issued in 1991 after he disrupted a service at the Newark Church her family attends and was arrested. Police were searching for Mr. Gilberg to serve him with the order. In "The Bodyguard," Houston plays a pop singer who hires a bodyguard, played by Kevin Costner, because she is being stalked. Thomas Weisenbeck, Ms. Houston's lawyer, said Mr. Gilberg had stopped harassing the singer for a while, but began again in April 1993. In January. Mr. Gilberg sent a postcard to Ms. Houston saying he was the father of her child and last week he called Ms. House last week he called Ms. House ton's management company to say he would be going to the Newark Church again, the Newark Church Mr. Weisenbeck said.

Man whose wife cut off penis dies

PANAMA CITY (AFP) A woman enraged by the sight of her husband in hed with two other women cut off his genitals, killing him i police said. Eusebia Moya. 32, told police she used a sharp knife to cut off both the penis and the testicles of new hard machine and 28-year-old husband is led on the least of the desired of the d bled to death after he ran outside to call for help. The local press, which closely as lowed the story of an part of the pa off her American husband's

Circus tiger leaps from ring, kills boy

NEW DELHI (AFP) circus tiger jumped out of the ring after defying his trainer and began eating a six-yearold boy who had been watching the show in an Indian town west of Calcutts. 2 newspaper reported on Suniay. The badly mauled boy died later in hospital. His father was seriously injured in the attack Friday at Chakradharpur, about 275 kilometres west of Calcutta. the Indian Express said. The other spectators ran in panic. and the tiger was only returned to his cage with great difficulty, the daily said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Oldest Iranian dies at 153

TEHRAN (AFP) - One of the oldest men in the world has died in Iran aged 153 from natural causes, the official news agency IRNA reported Sunday. Former ironsmith Karbalai Malek-Aran, who was the oldest man in Iran, died Thursday in his hometown of Lali in the southwestern province of Khuzestan, it said. Married seven times, Malek-Aran is survived by 211 children, grandchildren. great grandchildren and great great grandchildren, IRNA said. He had been on a diet rich in dairy products and had never suffered any major illness. The agency did not say how the old man's age had been determined, but he is thought to have been one of the oldest people in the world.

900 Muslims expelled in new 'ethnic cleansing'

SARAJEVO (AFP) - Around 900 Muslims have been forced from their homes in northeast Bosnia in the latest wave of ethnic cleansing by Bosnian Serbs, and hundreds more face expulsion before Thursday, the Red Cross said Sunday. The expulsions, from the Bijeljina area on Saturday, were the most widespread since the Serbs carried out similar ethnic cleansing in the area in mid-July. The group had to wait in frontline trenches overnight Saturday before being allowed to cross the confrontation line early Sunday, Red Cross spokesman Lisa Jones said. They were now headed for the nearby Muslim enclave of Tuzla.

Israel to allow 44 PNC members into autonomous Palestinian areas TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) -July the PNC could convene in Mr. Arafat has not formal-

Israel will allow 44 PLO leaders into the self-rule territories so the Palestine National Council can convene to abrogate clauses in the PLO charter calling for the Jewish state's destruction, officials said Sunday.

The Pulestinians are all members of the 80-strong Revolutionary Council, the highest decision-making body in Yasser Arafat's Fateh faction. It is the largest group in the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

All its members also sit on the PNC, the Palestinians' parliament-in-exile and the only body empowered to amend the 1964 charter.

Any amendment to that document must be endorsed by two-thirds of the PNC members, who represent all the PLO's factions.

Mr. Arafat, the PLO chairman, has promised Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that he will summon the 480-member council to drop the clauses calling for Israel's destruction under the PLO-Israel peace accord that provided partial self-rule in Gaza and the West Bank town of Jericho.

Mr. Rabin, seeking to eliminate another impediment to the peace accord, said in

Gaza with all its members. including those Israel had wanted banned as former

Many Tunis-based Fateh leaders have bitterly objected to changing the charter be-fore the Israelis recognise the Palestinians right to an independent state in the West Bank and Gaza.

Syrian-based radical Palestinian factions, some of which are represented on the PNC. have also denounced the move as "surrenderist."

Although Mr. Arafat has moved his headquarters to the autonomous Gaza Strip, the PLO's foreign relations department remains in the Tunisian capital where the movement was headquartered from 1982.

Two Israelis stabbed in Jerusalem

the walled old city of Jeru-

salem, police said. for the assailants.

The attack came on the eve

ly requested the council meeting yet. But newspaper reports in Tunis quoted sources close to the PLO leader in Gaza as saying he plans to convene the session in the next few weeks. Meanwhile, Mahmoud

Abbas, the senior PLO leader who signed the self-rule accord with Israel in Washington a year ago and a staunch supporter of the peace process, plans to leave Tunis to live in the autonomous territories next week. Aides said he will fly to

Amman Monday and go to Jericho a few days later. They said Mr. Abbas will not be involved with the Palestine National Authority, which will govern the selfrule areas until parliamentary

elections are held.

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinian assailants knifed two Jewish men in the back Sunday as they were walking to holiday prayers in

Police promptly sealed all entrances to the old city, the main tourist attraction in Jerusalem, while searching

security officials warning Israelis to be extra vigilant due to threats by extremists. Both orthodox Jews were rushed to Hadassah hospital where officials said one was moderately injured and the other lightly. The victims were

of the Jewish new year, with

not released. The victims attacked at the Damascus Gate entrance. | upholding that verdict, attor-

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Appeals court rejects challenge to conference

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — An Egyptian appeals court upheld on Sunday the government's right to stage a U.N. population conference that Muslim fundamentalist lawyers had challenged as sintul.

The ruling by the threejudge administrative court of appeals — which was expected — came a day before the start of the 10-day International Conference on Population and Development. The meeting, expected to draw 15,000 participants from around the world, has been planned for years.

Muslim fundamentalists contend the conference's draft proposals support abortion, homosexuality and sex education and would encourage promiscuous sex outside marriage. They condemn ail those as anathema to Islam.

The lawvers suit argued that Egypt, whose legal code is supposed to spring mainly from Islamic law, cannot hold a conference that runs counter to Islamic principles.

A trial-level administrative court rejected the lawsuit last Tuesday on the ground that the president, not the courts. have jurisdiction in such mat-

Before Sunday's decision

ney Abdul Halim Mandour told the Associated Press his principal aim in filing the case was "to show the world that the Egyptian people reject defiling their soil with homosexuals and whores." But he said: "Even if the

court issues a verdict in our

favour, it will not be implemented.` In the court. Mr. Mandour told the judges he did not care whether they ruled against him. "This is not a personal case," he said. "It is the case of the Egyptian people and the Egyptian judici-

Mr. Mandour and his colleagues won Sunday another case against the government fought on religious grounds The appellate court rejected an appeal by the minister of education, seeking to rein-state his order that Egyptian schoolgirls must have their parents' permission to wear

The lower court annulled the order by Education Minister Hussein Bahaaeddine 12 days ago, on the premise that he overstepped his authority by prescribing school uniforms and involve ing himself in families' private aftairs. It also said the order violated the Sharia. or Islamic law,

Islamic veils in the classroom.

Regent calls for interaction

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The commission, Mr. Qudah said, has laid down short term solutions for problems facing investors, like proposing simplification of procedures.

Minister of Justice Hisham Tel, another commission member outlined the nature of changes the commission was proposing to modernise laws and legislations.

Acting Prime Minister Thougan Hindawi said that the commission has been entrusted with addressing various aspects of the investment process with a view to stimulating investments and overcoming obstacles impeding its course.
Dr. Kamal Nasser, the Bar

Association president, demanded that the Jordanian companies law be amended with a view to developing production and the economy. while Mohammad Asfour, the chairman of the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce called for the unification of taxes so as to remove obstacles in the path of investment.

Prince Hassan then recalled a meeting he had with a group of youths ten years

complained about the dominance of material values in the society and sought his advice in the best way to serve their society and coun-

"My advice to them was that they should absorb the difference between the meanings and implications of the Great Arab Revolt and the Arab Rennaissance, which is one of the most important goals of the Revolt.

"I also told them to work hard and to focus on development as a value, with man as its means and its end" the Cross Prince said. 'And today, as I meet with

this distinguished group of people from the various sectors, I would like to share with you the notes I made ten years ago because they are related to production, development and dedication. The same observations constitute a political dialogue which we hope will con-

The Crown Prince said a productive society, the rule of law, the preservation of public funds, community development, and modernisation of law, are all values that Jordan struggles to achieve.

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